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Faith on the line

A Journal for Those Who Dare



There are just two classes of people brought to view in the Word of God. With which class are you standing?

If all were brought together in heaven with their different temperaments unsanctified,

what kind of heaven, think you, would we have?

Do we not want to be transferred from this school below to the higher school above?

There Christ will walk and talk with His people, and open to them the Scriptures they do not understand. There we shall pluck the fruit of the tree of life. We shall see the King in His beauty, and behold His matchless charms.

There will be no contention there; then let us not have it on earth.

We are to begin here to obtain the higher education. We are to learn here to guard the lips, to govern the word.

Christ gave His life for us, and He wants us to give our lives to Him - lives that are sanctified, soul, body, and spirit.

Shall we not let our righteousness, as Isaiah has said, "go before" us? Then the glory of the Lord will be our rereward.

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From the Mailbox...



Our mailbox is really full this issue. So many people have written us with questions and comments as a result of the 2002 campaigns. We couldn't possibly put them all in, but here are some of the more interesting ones. We always welcome your comments and opinions, and try whenever possible to reply. So, keep them coming!

Dr. Veith: First, thank you for sharing your time and knowledge in your stay in Tulsa. You helped me to make some important connections as well as enlightened me on details of several subjects I have been studying for some years. Also, due to your talks, I have begun to eat healthier and rely less on supplements. Second, I was surging on the net and found the Loma Linda University website which had a bioethics masters. Since that is a field I am interested in (I'm a philosophy student at Oklahoma State University that had plenty of questions for you in Tulsa), I asked for more information. The tuition is way out of my budget, but I noticed that on the envelope, as well as

on their magazine and all other documents, they had a "seal". This seal is made up of different pagan symbols - not just one or two - but seven that I count! They are: the torch, a serpent around a rod or staff, a partial pic of a sword with Ellen White's death year next to it, a laurel branch, a yoni or goddess symbol with the upside down triangle - all on a shield with a ribbon underneath. There is also a different branch with an acorn - I'm not sure of its symbolism. Then there is writing in so that the entire shield with branches on either side are contained with a nice circle. Now the ribbon is EXACT to the ribbon of masonry/paganism, the shield, etc. And these are multiple symbols of masonry/paganism - not just one or two. Could you please help me to understand how this "seal" is any different from the Catholic, masonic, etc seals/symbols - and what on earth is it doing on a university seal which is a Seventh-Day Adventist university - which is also prominent on their literature. Thank you. D.W.

Dear D.W.

This is a very very good question. Isn't it interesting how far the tentacles can stretch? Some of these symbols could sneak into logos by ignorance, such as the medical symbol of the rod and serpent which of course has a pagan origin. Then, of course, the possibilities exist that there are more sinister motives behind some of these symbols. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is not officially associated with the World Council of Churches, and its structure, theoretically at least, is management from the bottom up, which is unlike any other system. So the power is in the hands of the members, and not in the hierarchy. Isaiah 9 says that God will cut off the head and the tail - the head being the

prominent people, and the tail - the prophets that speak lies. The Bible also says that the wheat and the tares grow together until the harvest. Gold will cleanse His church through the shaking because the Bible says the Lord will once more "shake" His institution. So, wherever we study, we will have to filter that which we learn through the greatest filter on earth - the Word of God. Revelation 12 says that the dragon is wroth with the woman (the church), and went to make war with the remnant of her seed - those that keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. So, we must accept a spiritual war, even in the church. Hope this helps. W.J. Veith

I love your website - the graphics are stunning and it is easy to navigate and logical to me. Excellent effort and information. Thank you. J.M.

I am very sorry that I missed the final sessions of your lecture here in Fort Worth. My husband and I are looking forward to ordering your videos and then we can enjoy the lectures at our leisure and share them with others. From what little I have read of your books, I am thrilled I was able to get them, and I will anxiously await a book on the "conspiracy". I knew it was out there all along because of things that had happened in my own life. It is comforting to know that there is a purpose for these things and that there is a final solution in the return of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. My husband and I are particularly thrilled that we were able to hear the lecture on the diet.... I will be monitoring what effects reducing animal protein, sugar, and other toxins in my diet have on my condition. I will keep you posted. E.R.

Q: We know that Jesus tried to get the children of Israel on a vegan diet when He brought them out of the land of Egypt. He wanted them to experience the benefits of the Genesis original diet. This being the case, why did he eat the flesh of animals and fish when He was here? Wouldn't it have been best to follow His own leadings from the wilderness experience after the Exodus? Some say that He was meeting the people where they were. Although it is true that animal flesh can be highly diseased and full of chemicals and pesticides and antibiotics in our day, and not back then, the fact remains that whether or not flesh contains any of this, it is the flesh of animal and it is highly unsuited for man's diet. GB.

Dear G.B.:

Jesus came into this world when man had reached one of its lowest ebbs. There was great evidence of disease, demonic activity, and superstition as evidenced in the gospels. He came to uplift fallen humanity and he met them where they were. The Son of Man came eating and drinking within the boundaries of the Mosaic Law, of course. Health reform at that state in man's history was not present truth and would have caused alienation not conducive to the spreading of the gospel. In the typology of the children of Israel and the exodus, God sets forth the pattern for those who are about to enter into the heavenly Canaan. This calling out took place after the fulfillment of the 2300 day prophecy, and the antitype is thus found only after 1844. That's why Jesus could eat fish and lamb while on this earth and identify Himself with the people. During the Dark Ages, man fell again to exceeding great depths of darkness, and when the light of the reformation came, the reformers were eating unclean meats and

drinking fermented wines, yet God did not reveal this issue before the great truths of the reformation had been uncovered, leading to an ennoblement which would prepare them for the further truths about physical and spiritual well-being that were to be revealed thereafter.

Prof. W. J. Veith

I have been in attendance in all but a couple of the wonderful seminars here in Tulsa. They have all been very informative and enlightening. The format is excellent to get across the documentation for all that is stated verbally. I don't see how anyone could leave confused or in any doubt that what is presented is anything but the absolute Truth. Highly recommend it to anyone wanting to make sense of the craziness the world is in today, and what it is all leading to. To Dr. Veith and his team, keep up the good work! J.M.

Q: The supplement to National Geographic Feb 2002 issue mentions c. 12,000 feet long ice core samples which have been drilled near Russia's Vostok Station. These contain each year's accumulation of snowfall including the dust particles, chemicals and gases which have been trapped in the flakes. By analysing the samples scientists have concluded that they represent a period of 420,000 years. Have you got an alternative explanation for their age? E.H.

Dear E.H.: Just as in the case of Varves, which are so-called annual mud deposits in lakes, which give supposed ages of 100's of thousands of years, so the ice layers are similar to these. Varves have been recently shown to not represent annual events, but episodic events. For ex-

ample, some leaves are buried in up to 80 layers of varves, which would mean that the leaf survived 80 years while waiting to be buried. So now, it is accepted, that varves represent any event such as a rainstorm. Similarly, the layers of snow need not be annual, but episodic. Also, areas in Siberia which are covered in huge frozen mud deposits with no apparent source for these muds, which also contain the bones of woolly mammoths and temperate climate adapted creatures show that these immense layers were catastrophic.

Prof. W. J. Veith

Q: When were aboriginals first discovered? eg. 1223 AD? D.

Dear D: Aboriginals were first discovered by the first settlers of Australia. It was started as a British prison colony. In fact, the early settlers believed that the aborigines were a primitive form of man, and because of the Darwinian theory, they were later hunted. I believe it was sometime in the 17th century when Captain Cook sailed "the seven seas". Prof. W. J. Veith

We heard your lectures at the SDA Fort Worth church. We certainly want to thank you for helping us understand what is going on in the world. May God continue to bless you in your ministry. We are praying for that God will open the way for you to continue your ministry full time. P.D.W.

Dear A.D.:

I was recently baptized and became a 7th Day Adventist about 4 months ago. I am 17 years old. The rest of my family is Lutheran, so it can be

very hard at times. So far, I have been devouring lots of literature and videos and reading the Bible in my quest for wisdom and knowledge. One of the videos I watched was Brian S. Neumann's series on music. I borrowed them from my church, which recently watched them. I thoroughly enjoyed and learned from the videos. I even went through all my CD's and tapes and sorted out which ones were not up to the standard God wants. It was really hard, but I did. ... Thank you for publishing this set of videos and may God bless you in all of your endeavors. T.H.

I attended Dr. Veith's creation seminar in Tulsa a few weeks back and I thoroughly enjoyed it. At first, I found it bolstered my faith to the point where I couldn't understand how anyone could accept evolution and an old earth. However, the seminar peaked my interest in Creation Science and I, therefore, started doing research of my own. Unfortunately, now I wish I had never attended the seminar, because it has created the opposite effect. I have found numerous rebuttals of most of the arguments Dr. Veith spoke of at his seminar. Prior to the seminar, I was a happy Bible-believing Christian ignorant of the creation/evolution debate. Now I have found that my literal view of scripture is founded upon a literal 6-day creation that, unfortunately, as I continue my research further, seems less and less likely to me. I fear as my research goes deeper, I will be forced to make the hard decision to either ignore the scientific evidence, and continue on faith, or re-evaluated where I stand. N.P.

My dear friend:

I have followed the exact opposite route to what you are describing. I was an evolutionist, an atheist, and taught evolution at the uni-

versity for 25 years. All the so-called scientific evidence turns out to be a pile of potash as shown in my series. There is a perfectly local solution for the environmental features that we find which are perfectly in harmony with the Scriptures and totally out of harmony with the evolutionary paradigm.

#1: If evolution is correct, we must start with a small number of creatures and through diversity get more and more. The fossil record shows the reverse. We start with large numbers and go less and less. The Cambrian explosion - a scientific term by the way - shows that all the phyla appeared simultaneously, totally out of harmony with evolutionary concepts.

#2: If evolution is correct, we should have progressed from small to large, but the opposite is found in the fossil record.

#3: There is no explanation for the flat stratas, but catastrophism offers a perfect solution. In my research, I have come to the conclusion that the whole evolutionary paradigm on which I so firmly grounded my faith has no basis in truth whatsoever. I pray that you will not allow Satan to lead you into the opposite direction, and give him the pleasure of discrediting the Word of God. You may wish to order my book Genesis Conflict 2nd edition, available in about a month. Best regards,

Prof W.J. Veith

Q: Would you please offer any insight on the subject of the structured SDA church vs. the independent movement? I would greatly appreciate your point of view. L.H.

Dear L.H.: The structure SDA church

has its origin in prophecy. It was foretold in the book of Revelation 10 that it would arise out of a great disappointment after the close of the 1260 days (ie. 1798), that it would keep the commandments of God, and hold to the testimony of Jesus which is the Spirit of Prophecy. Through the Spirit of Prophecy, church structure was established. And it is this organization which is to stand till the close of time. WE are also informed that in the final analysis, the church will be Laodicea. This has prompted many movements to separate themselves from the body in order to reflect a purer light of present truth. However, there is no "coming out" of Laodicea - no admonition that the candlestick would be removed. There is only a "spitting out" (a shaking) where GOD removes what needs to be removed. A "coming out" before the time is thus premature and unBiblical. Yes, there will be weeping between the porch and the altar for all the evil that is done in Israel, but God will do the cleansing.

W.J. Veith

Q: I have a question about Daniel 11:45. My dad says that the King of the north is the papacy, and has yet to fulfill Daniel 11. I read it as saying that Daniel 11 has already taken place as far as the king of the north is concerned and it had to be either Babylon or the Roman empire. Please could you help us with this. Thank you very much and may God be with you. R.W.

Dear R.W.:

The king of north is the papacy, and the time of the end spoken about there when the king of the south shall push against them, is a reference to the inflicting of the mor-

tal wound - or the seemingly mortal wound rather - when secular humanism will seem to temporarily dethrone this power. This took place in 1798 with the French Revolution. However, in the secret societies, it is taught that this system (humanism) was set up in order to create an atheistic diversion which would be overcome together with Christianity to give the papacy full rule over the world. Louis F. Were wrote an excellent book, "The King of the North at Jerusalem" which is admittedly a little bit dated, but, nevertheless, the general theology is very sound. This book is also recommended by Professor Hans La Rondelle at Andrews University. Prof. W.J. Veith

Dear Dr. Veith:

1st: How can you (personally) be so positive that the SDA Church is the correct path to be following? 2nd: Why is it that there are really knowledgeable people (priests, ministers, preachers, etc.) that talk about the Bible with such wisdom and belief, yet they fail to recognize Saturday as the day of worship? My father was of the belief that I should find my own path to whatever religion I should follow. Now, having married a Catholic who now believes that the SDA church is the church to follow, and my mother, being born and raised New Apostolic, you can imagine, I am very confused as to who to believe, and how important it is to participate in a church or just establish a relationship with God myself. Any wisdom you can pass on to me on how I can overcome my very skeptical view on organized religion? K.

Dear K:

You asked some real thought-provoking questions. Why am I so posi-

tive that the SDA Church is the church of prophecy? Because its teachings are 100% in accordance with the Bible. It is by no means a perfect church, but its doctrines can be substantiated with an "it is written." The Bible says that it is not the hearer of the law that is justified before God, but the doer of the law (Rom 2:13; James 1:22). As regards to your second question, the same sort of thing was asked of those who were sent to arrest Jesus. Has any of the scribes believe in Him? (John 7:48) So, why the priests, ministers, and preachers fail to recognize Saturday as the day of worship is puzzling to me as well. Because, Jesus kept the Sabbath, every single prophet and patriarch, back to Adam himself kept the Sabbath. Jesus said, "Pray that your flight be not on the Sabbath day." (Matt 24:20), and He also said that not one "jot or tittle" would be removed from the law until the day Christ should return. (Matt 5:18) which means that the law stands. Jesus says, If you love me keep my commandments. (John 14:15), and those that would enter the city will be those that keep the commandments of God. (Rev 12:17; 14:12). Obedience has never been popular, and we can expect the same to continue until Jesus returns. I am so pleased to hear that you husband was a Catholic and now believes the SDA church is the true church. I can testify that having been a Catholic myself, it was a great blessing to me when I discovered the Biblical truths which led me to become a Seventh-day Adventist. The Seventh-day Adventist and Roman Catholicism stand at opposite poles of the religious spectrum. The SDA Church follows the Bible and believes in obedience to its principles, whereas Catholicism is based on tradition of which Jesus said, "In vain they worship me, teaching for doctrines the traditions of men." Matt 16:9. Most

churches today are willing to compromise with Rome, but between truth and error, there can be no compromise. Ask your husband to show you from the Bible, why he believes the SDA Church is the church to follow. Then pray to God that He may show you and give you clarity in your own mind as to which way you should go. The Holy Spirit will never be in harmony with error. May the Lord help you in your search.

W. J. Veith

Dr. Veith & Sonica:

We sure enjoyed having you in Tulsa... We have been Adventists all our lives, but you gave us so much information we had never heard. G.&N.M.

Thanks so much for the recipes from the health show, and getting it on your site so quickly, truly enjoyed all, your site is wonderful and full of alot of information. Keep up the excellent work.

Dear AD:

I am happy for all the Amazing Discoveries work. I am 40 years old and have been a SDA for 20 years. I come from Surinam, South America. I and other members of the church are working with the tapes. The Word of God is the Truth! Jesus is coming soon - may we love Him and give our life to Him every day, walk with Him every day - He is everything. May God help us to tell the everyone the three angel's message! Pray for us. We do the same. God bless! N.B.

Dear Dr. Veith:

I appreciate your ministry to the church. You are a rational, intelligent voice for Adventism. Continue to speak your straightforward message. T.B.





A Double Portion

By Walter J. Veith

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is identified in Revelation 10 as the remnant entrusted with the final message of warning to the world. Having been established out of all denominations, this final movement was to be grounded in no other creed than that of the Bible and the Bible alone. The pillars of eternal Truth were established through Bible study and the Spirit of Prophecy and these pillars were to stand until the end of time. That which was discerned as truth in the beginning would remain truth throughout eternity.

Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. *1 John 2:24*

The twin pillars of faith in the Word of God and obedience to His precepts have always been distorted because Satan is determined to sell a half gospel whereby one can be saved by Christ without the manifestation of obedience or one can live an obedient life without the saving grace of Christ. Both these pillars are, however, inseparable and those who acknowledge them will have to deal with the ire of the dragon.

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. *Rev 12:17*

The Bible warns that there will always be those who will attempt to detract from the whole truth and lead people to follow legends.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. *2 Timothy 4:3,4*

After the initial gathering prior to the great disappointment in 1844, there followed a scattering. And the remnant studied the scriptures upon which the pillars of faith were established. Once this had been achieved, another gathering could commence, based on the everlasting gospel and the judgment-hour three angels' messages. Sadly, it has also been predicted that there would be a falling away followed by a shaking which would leave only a remnant of the remnant. This final remnant would be entrusted with the loud cry upon which a final gathering out of Babylon would take place.

The great truths of the gospel such as, the Sanctuary, Law and Grace, Creation, the Sabbath, the Investigative Judgment, the Second Coming and the Millennium, and the great prophetic truths, particularly about Daniel and Rev-

IN THE NEWS

We don't always have time to scour the various newspapers for interesting articles pertaining to the end times. We welcome any new submissions, provided they are dated and substantiated with a verifiable, credible, and preferably secular source.

The following article which first appeared in The Washington Times also appeared similarly in the National Post a week later:

Planned volunteer-informant corps elicits '1984' fears

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As part of the country's war against terrorism, the Bush administration by next month wants to recruit a million letter carriers, utility workers and others whose jobs allow them access to private homes into a contingent of organized government informants. The Terrorism Information and Prevention System (Operation TIPS), a national reporting pilot program, is scheduled to start next month in 10 cities, with 1 million informants - or nearly 4 percent of Americans - initially participating in the program.

The program will allow volunteers, whose routines make them well-positioned to recognize suspect activities, to report the same to the Justice Department, which is running the project. The Justice Department will enter the information into a database, which will then be broadly available within the department, and to state and local agencies and local police forces. At local and state lev-

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elation would create the medium which would define the parameters of the final conflict.

The Sabbath was to become the great cleaver to cleave a people out of the world and bring them into God's workshop. These are the eternal truths upon which Seventh-day Adventism is established. The doctrines are to be jealously guarded.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition. *2 Thessalonians 2:3*

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. *Acts 2:42*

Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. *2 Peter 1:12*

O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? *Galatians 3:1*

Our Faith Founded on Truth

"I long daily to be able to do **double duty**. I have been pleading with the Lord for strength and wisdom to reproduce the writings of the witnesses who were confirmed in the faith and in the early history of the message. After the passing of the time in 1844 they received the light and walked in the light, and when the men claiming to have new light would come in with their wonderful messages regarding various points of Scripture, we had, through the moving of the Holy Spirit, testimonies right to the point, which cut off the influence of such messages...When the power of God testifies as to what is truth, that truth is to stand forever as the truth. No after suppositions contrary to the light God has given are to be entertained. Men will arise with interpretations of Scripture which are to them truth, but which are not truth. The truth for this time God has given us as a foundation for our faith. He Himself has taught us what is truth. One will arise, and still another, with new light, which contradicts the light that God has given under the demonstration of His Holy Spirit. ... And the standard bearers who have fallen in death are to speak through the reprinting of their writings. I am instructed that thus their voices are to be heard. They are to bear their testimony as to what constitutes the truth for this time. We are not to receive the words of those who come with a message that contradicts the special points of our faith. They gather together a mass of Scripture, and pile it as proof around their asserted theories. This has been done over and over again during the past fifty years. And while the

Scriptures are God's word, and are to be respected, the application of them, if such application moves one pillar from the foundation that God has sustained these fifty years, is a great mistake. He who makes such an application knows not the wonderful demonstration of the Holy Spirit that gave power and force to the past messages that have come to the people of God." - 1 SM p.160-161

The burden of the warning now to come to the people of God, nigh and afar off, is the third angel's message. And those who are seeking to understand this message will not be led by the Lord to make an application of the Word that will undermine the foundation and remove the pillars of the faith that has made Seventh-day Adventists what they are today. The truths that have been unfolding in their order, as we have advanced along the line of prophecy revealed in the Word of God, are truth, sacred, eternal truth today. Those who passed over the ground step by step in the past history of our experience, seeing the chain of truth in the prophecies, were prepared to accept and obey every ray of light. They were praying, fasting, searching, digging for the truth as for hidden treasures, and the Holy Spirit, we know, was teaching and guiding us. Many theories were advanced, bearing a semblance of truth, but so mingled with misinterpreted and misapplied scriptures, that they led to dangerous errors. Very well do we know how every point of truth was established, and the seal set upon it by the Holy Spirit of God. And all the time voices were heard, "Here is the truth," "I have the truth; follow me." But the warnings came, "Go not ye after them. I have not sent them, but they ran." (See Jeremiah 23:21) The leadings of the Lord were marked, and most wonderful were His revelations of what is truth. Point after point was established by the Lord God of heaven. That which was truth then, is truth today. But the

voices do not cease to be heard—"This is truth. I have new light." But these new lights in prophetic lines are manifest in misapplying the

Word and setting the people of God adrift without an anchor to hold them. If the student of the Word would take the truths which God has revealed in the leadings of His people, and appropriate these truths, digest them, and bring them into their practical life, they would then be living channels of light. But those who have set themselves to study out new theories, have a mixture of truth and error combined, and after trying to make these things prominent, have demonstrated that they have not kindled their taper from the divine altar, and it has gone out in darkness.—Manuscript 31, 1896. (2SM 103-104)

In order to stand at the end of time, we will need a double portion of the Spirit of Elijah.

DOUBLE PORTION

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Doctrine:

You cannot have a church floating in a sea of uncertainty without doctrine to anchor it to the word of God.

Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. *Titus 1:9*

But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you. *Titus 2:1,7-10*

As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do. *1 Timothy 1:3,4*

If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

1 Timothy 4:6

If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to whole some words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine

which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain.

1 Timothy 6:3-6

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

2 Timothy 2:19

You cannot have a church floating in a sea of uncertainty without doctrine to anchor it to the Word of God.

2 Kings Chapters 1-9.

The story of Elisha to the death of Jezebel

Elijah is the type of the end-time Elijah. His message was a message of separation from paganistic influences to the wholehearted service of God. Elijah confronted the king of Israel and the prophets of Baal and exposed their religious forms for what they were. Elijah was the type of the end-time representatives of Christ who would call a people out of Babylon with the same message, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

Elijah performed eight miracles during his ministry:

- he said it would not rain for three and a half years,
- the widow's flour and crucible of oil were not used up during the period,
- the widow's son was raised from the dead,
- fire consumed the offering of Elijah in response to his sincere prayer,
- Elijah's prayer brought rain,
- twice the captains of 50 were consumed by fire,
- and the Jordan parted.

Elijah called Elisha from the plow and Elisha is the one who diligently served his master, being willing to perform the menial tasks while he was being prepared for greater things. Three times Elisha was given the opportunity to leave the side of his master, but three times he refused. Elijah was visiting the school of the prophets, and Elijah said to Elisha: "Stay here please because the Lord has sent me to Bethel". *2 Kings 2:2* But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." The sons of the prophets had been informed that Elijah would be taken away by the Lord and Elisha clung to the side of the prophet of the Lord. In verse 4, a further opportunity was given, but again Elisha answered, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." The same thing happens a third time (*verse 6*). After his final visitation to the school of the prophets, Elijah was about to depart to be translated to heaven. In *verse 9*, he asks Elisha "What may I do for you before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." Elijah replied, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you."

Elisha saw how Elijah was taken up to heaven and when he took up the mantle, he became the representative who would nurture and establish Israel. Those who live at the end of time, are types of Elisha, but they are inseparately bound to Elijah and refuse to leave that which was entrusted to them. "Surely as the Lord lives, I will cling to the Elijah message – the pillars of the Advent message." When Elisha put on the mantle of Elijah, as we have to put on the mantle of the Elijah message, the Lord honored his request for a double portion. And in order to stand at the end of time, we will need a double portion of the Spirit of Elijah. Elisha's miracles were

more than double those recorded for Elijah:

1) He struck the water and it was divided. In the same way, insurmountable obstacles will be overcome by those who trust in the Lord and have the Spirit of Elisha. *2 Kings 2:14*

2) He cleansed the waters with salt and the bitter water became sweet. In the same way, we are to be the salt of the earth and turn the bitter waters of compromise and lies into the sweet waters of a life and doctrine in harmony with Christ. *2 Kings 2:20-21*

Those living at the end of time, like Elisha, will be present when the Lord puts an end to the harlot. Jezebel was destroyed in the time of Elisha. It is Elisha who serves as the type of the remnant of the remnant. But he is inseparably linked to Elijah and will not leave nor forsake the ancient landmarks. It is for this reason that we read in the Spirit of Prophecy that the ancient landmarks of the founding fathers are faithfully recorded and will stand until the end of time. There is no separation from the Elijah message

3) In response to his curse on those who mocked him, bears mauled the mockers. God's people at the end of time, will speak with unquestionable authority. *2 Kings 3:23+*

4) The next miracle was the water that filled the valley by the way of Edom. (*2 Kings 3:17*) The waters that filled the valley of Edom to supply the needs of the army of Israel, so even in the absence of rain, God

is able to supply our needs.

5) Elisha also is credited with the miracle of the jar of oil that did not run dry until all the vessels that could be filled were filled. In the same way, God's people at the end of time will not run out of the Spirit of God until all the vessels that can be filled are filled to the brim. *2 Kings 4:2*

6) He promised the Shunammite woman that she would bear a son. *2 Kings 4:31*

7) And when that son died, God honored his request and raised him to life again. *2 Kings 4:34-35*

8) When there was famine in the land and the men from the school of the prophets had added poisonous gourds to their stew, Elisha ordered them to add flour which cleansed the meal. This same power is available to God's people at the end of time. *2 Kings 4:38*

9) He multiplied loaves of barley to feed the men *2 Kings 4:42*

10) He commanded Naaman to immerse himself in the Jordan seven times to be cured of his leprosy and he was cured. *2 Kings 5:1-14*

11) His servant Gehazi became leprous as a consequence of his greed. *2 Kings 5:20*

12) He made the axe float when the students of the school of the prophets were expanding their dwellings. *2 Kings 6:5*

13) And many times, he confounded the enemies of Israel by revealing their most secret plans. *2 Kings 6:9*

14) When surrounded by the enemy, he prayed that his servant's eyes might be opened so that he may realize that "those that are with us are more than those that are with them." This is vital to those who stand in the breach at the end of time. *2 Kings 6:17*

15) He prayed for blindness upon his enemies *2 Kings 6:18*

16) He prayed for the removal of blindness of his enemies. *2 Kings 6:20*

17) He caused the army of the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots and horses so that they fled before their attackers *2 Kings 7:6*

18) He pronounced a famine which was to last seven years (*2 Kings 8:1*), a double portion. Elijah's famine lasted only three and a half years.

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Both Elijah and Elisha were diligent in communicating the message of hope not only to the outside world, but also to the schools of the prophets. At these schools, students were taught the law of God, the natural sciences in such a way that they would harmonize with the Word of God. They studied the scriptures, sacred history, sacred music, poetry, agriculture and horticulture.

"Further provision was made for the instruction of the young, by the establishment of the 'school of the prophets.' If a youth was eager to obtain a better knowledge of the Scriptures, to search deeper into the mysteries of the kingdom of God, and to seek wisdom from above, that he might become a teacher in Israel, this school was open to him."

"By Samuel the schools of the prophets were established to serve as a barrier against the widespread corruption resulting from the iniquitous course of Eli's sons, and to promote the moral and spiritual welfare of the people. These schools proved a great blessing to Israel, promoting that righteousness which exalteth a nation, and furnishing it with men qualified to act, in the fear of God, as leaders and counselors. In the accomplish-

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ment of this object, Samuel gathered companies of young men who were pious, intelligent and studious. These were called the sons of the prophets. The instructors were men not only versed in divine truth, but those who had themselves enjoyed communion with God, and had received the special endowment of His Spirit. They enjoyed the respect and confidence of the people, both for learning and piety.

"The pupils of these schools sustained themselves by their own labor as husbandmen and mechanics. In Israel this was not considered strange or degrading; it was regarded a crime to allow children to grow up in ignorance of useful labor. In obedience to the command of God, every child was taught some trade, even though he was to be educated for holy office. Many of the religious teachers supported themselves by manual labor. Even so late as the time of Christ, it was not considered anything degrading that Paul and Aquila earned a livelihood by their labor as tentmakers.

"The chief subjects of study were the law of God with the instructions given to Moses, sacred history, sacred music, and poetry. It was the grand object of all study to learn the will of God and the duties of His people. In the records of sacred history were traced the footsteps of Jehovah. From the events of the past were drawn lessons of instruction for the future. The great truths set forth by the types and shadows of the Mosaic law were brought to view, and faith grasped the central object of all that system, the Lamb of God that was to take away the sins of the world.

"The Hebrew language was cultivated as the most sacred tongue in the world. A spirit of devotion was cherished. Not only were students taught the duty of prayer, but they were taught how to pray, how to approach their Creator, how to exercise faith in Him, and how to understand and obey the teachings of His Spirit. Sanctified intellects brought forth from the treasure house of God things new and old.

The art of sacred melody was diligently cultivated. No frivolous waltz was heard, nor flippant song that should extol man and divert the attention from God; but sacred, solemn psalms of praise to the Creator, exalting His name and recounting His wondrous works. Thus music was made to serve a holy purpose, to lift the thoughts to that which was pure and noble and elevating, and to awaken in the soul devotion and gratitude to God. *FE 96-97*

Misuse of the school of the prophets and compromise with the world reached a point where God could not work through these institutions any longer, and by the time of John the Baptist, the Lord did not send this servant of His to the school of the prophets. Neither were the disciples educated in the school of the prophets.

"John was called to do a special work; he was to

prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight His paths. The Lord did not send him to the school of the prophets and rabbis. He took him away from the assemblies of men to the desert, that he might learn of nature and nature's God. God did not desire him to have the mold of the priests and rulers. He was called to do a special work. The Lord gave him his message. Did he go to the priests and rulers and ask if he might proclaim this message?—No, God put him away from them that he might not be influenced by their spirit and teaching. He was the voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it" (Isa. 40:3-5). This is the very message that must be given to our people; we are near the end of time, and the message is, Clear the King's highway; gather out the stones; raise up a standard for the people. The people must be awakened. It is no time now to cry peace and safety. We are exhorted to "cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Isa. 5:1). *ISM 410.1*

"As soon as the passover was finished, the brethren left Jerusalem, and went to Galilee as they had been directed. Seven of the disciples were in company; they were clad in the humble garb of fishermen; they were poor in worldly goods, but rich in the knowledge and practice of the truth, which gave them, in the sight of Heaven, the highest rank as teachers. They had not been students in the school of the prophets, but for three years they had taken lessons from the greatest educator the world has ever known. Under his tuition they had become elevated, intelligent, and refined, fit mediums through which the souls of men might be led to a knowledge of the truth." *3SP 226.1*

Sadly, many of our institutes have followed the same route and have compromised their practices and teachings to be in line with what is taught in the world. Evolution is taught as an acceptable theory of origins, worldly theologians are preferred above a "thus saith the Lord". Those that would hold up standards are often ridiculed, but even here there is need of caution, as some would separate from Elijah and claim some form of superiority. Moses did not separate from the children of Israel when the Lord told him that he would make a new nation out of him. But he pleaded that he should rather be blotted from the book of life, rather than them. **This should be our attitude.**

Nevertheless, we need to train men and women to stand in the time we are living, and to present this message to the world. We need to establish institutes even if on a small scale,

where men and women can learn to win souls and to learn the things as taught in the school of the prophets. We need to separate from worldly practices. We need to introduce reverence and godly music into the minds of men and learn afresh how to worship God in the beauty of holiness.

"Let every one now do his duty, laboring actively with Jesus Christ. Represent Jesus by your example of Christian piety, that the grace of Christ may appear as it is,—beautiful, attractive, harmonious, and always consistent. A life beautified with holiness is not a life of idle contemplation; but a life filled up with earnest work for the Master, whose light shineth more and more unto the perfect day. **As Seventh-day Adventists, we have a work to do in witnessing for Christ. If indeed the Lord is coming, it is time to sell what you have and give alms. It is time to put out your money to the "ex-changers", time to place every dollar you can spare, into the treasury of the**

Lord, that institutions may be erected for the education of workers, who shall be instructed as were those who attended the school of the prophets. If the Lord comes and finds you doing this kind of work, he will say, "Well done, good and faithful servant; . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." The spell that entralls minds, and makes them the bond-servants of Satan, must be broken. Christ's lessons must be enforced, they must be impressed upon the mind and heart. On young and old should come a realization of the great love wherewith He hath loved us. We have none too many institutions. Let your means be used to create, rather than have your influence used to diminish these agencies for good. Let no one yield to the suggestions of the enemy of all righteousness, and think that because we are near the end of all things, we can have faith, and have all our infirmities removed, and that there is no need for institutions for the recovery of health. Faith and works are not dissevered. If the Lord is soon to come, begin to act decidedly and determinedly, and with intense interest to increase the facilities, that a great work may be done in a short time." *GCB, October 1, 1896 par. 7*

"Those who have been allied to the world should heed the invitation of the Lord. He says: 'Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you,

and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.' For 'though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.' The bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness are to shine upon you, that you may be beautified with holiness." *GCB, October 1, 1896 par. 8*

As Elisha asked for a double portion, we will need this faith: "Shall we now say there is no need of facilities - that faith is all we need? Genuine faith is a working principle, and works will appear as a proof of this agent in the soul. You should redouble your efforts, redouble your working forces." *GCB, October 1, 1896 par. 9*

Young men and women are crying out for solid food and if only we could re-organize the forces of the Lord so that the workers can receive faithful instruction. These institutions are to be established in rural areas with land for cultivation and should not be elaborate or be left to one man to dominate the teaching.

"True missionary workers will not colonize. God's people are to be pilgrims and strangers on the earth. The investment of large sums of money in the building up of the work in one place is not in the order of God. Plants are to be made in many places. Schools and sanitariums are to be established in places where there is now nothing to represent the truth. These interests are not to be established for the purpose of making money, but for the purpose of spreading the truth. Land should be secured at a distance from the cities, on which schools can be built up, and where the youth can be instructed in agricultural and mechanical lines of work. . . ." *11MR 155.3*

"What can I say to our people that will lead them to follow the course that will be for the present and future good? Will not those in Battle Creek heed the light given them by God? Will they not deny self, lift the cross, and follow Jesus? Will they not obey the call of their Leader to leave Battle Creek and build up interests in other places? Will they not go to the dark places of the earth to tell the story of the love of Christ, trusting in God to give them success?" *11MR 156.1*

Establish Schools Like the Schools of the Prophets—"There are schools that may be established, not in the elaborate way of Union College or of Battle Creek College, but after a more simple style, with humble buildings, and then there should be teachers who will conduct them after God's plan as nearly as they can understand, after the school of the prophets." —*Ms. 14a, 1897, p. 2. ("Work for the Fallen," Feb. 14, 1897.) 11MR 156.3*

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"In our schools the work of opening the Scriptures to the students is not to be left to only one teacher. This would not be wisdom. Other minds should be brought in. One man may seem well able to present the truth, and yet this is not evidence that he should teach the students from the Word of God term after term. Others should aid in this work, for it is a great work." —Ms. 158, 1898, pp. 3, 4. ("The Gift of the Holy Spirit," Dec. 7, 1898.)

The Benefits of Schools in the Country - It seems strange to everybody that we should be located in the woods. But we do not want our students to be near the city. We know that even though we bring them into the country we cannot escape from all evil. We have a public house [saloon] here, and not long ago a man left this public house drunk. As he was crossing a bridge he fell from his horse and was killed. But in the country the youth are away from the sights and the sounds of the city. We desire to take the students away from the foul atmosphere of the city. Not that Satan is not here. He is here, but we are trying to do all we can to place the students in the very best circumstance in order that they may fasten their eyes on Christ...Those who present the truth should be men of solid minds, who will not lead their hearers into a field of thistles, as it were, and there leave them. What is the chaff to the wheat? Ms. 70, 1901, pp. 8, 9. ("What Is the Chaff to the Wheat?" July 20, 1901.) 11MR 159.2

We should concentrate on useful labour and not substitute the games of the world for such activities, and the diet must be in accordance with healthful principles.

"All who are engaged in teaching the youth in our schools must have as the foundation of their knowledge the fear of God, for this is the beginning of wisdom. They may have had years of training, and yet [may] not have touched the very beginning, the ABC of spirituality, the ABC of devotion, the ABC of self-sacrifice. The science of education is to love God, and to keep His commandments. Study the Word of God intelligently. It is the foundation of all education.—Ms. 84, 1901, pp. 1, 2. ("Teachers to Have a Living Experience," August 20, 1901.) 11MR 159.3

"In many places we have established our educational

institutions. Our schools and our sanitariums are to reach a high standard. The Bible is to be made the great educational book. It is the Book of books, that gives us a knowledge of Him whom to know aright is life eternal. It is to be made the foundation of all true education.—Ms. 49, 1908, p. 6. ("Lessons From the Experiences of Pentecost," May 9, 1908.) 11MR 160.1

"I have been instructed that the students in our schools are not to be served with flesh foods or with food preparations that are known to be unhealthful.—Ms. 37, 1909, p. 4. ("Faithfulness in Health Reform" May 30, 1909.) 11MR 160.2

"The Healdsburg College has been presented to me as being demoralized by disgraceful games. Games have been allowed such as God disapproves. It was to prevent this kind of thing that the Lord gave counsel to the effect that students should learn useful trades. .

I believe that the time has come to restore the Elijah message to its original position. There is a work to be done in equipping God's people and to guide Israel in safe paths. As apostasy increases and Jezebel (the type of the harlot) redoubles her efforts to seduce the minds of men, we need to be more determined than ever to set the record straight. As the schools of the prophets established by Samuel had fallen into decay and apostasy, so the ancient simplicity needs to be restored.

preserved in its soundness, and the nervous energies may be regulated. Combining manual labor with the study of the sciences will preserve the living machinery in excellent condition, and by taking proper exercise, the mind may be taxed and yet not sustain injury in any degree. {11MR 161.2} But do not substitute play, pugilistic boxing, football, matched games, and animal exercises, for manual training. All of this stripe and type should be vigilantly prohibited from the school grounds.—Letter 27, 1895, pp. 1-3. (To F. Howe, May 21, 1895.) 11MR 161.3

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"Where were these watchmen when these unseemly games and athletic sports, these trials of animal strength and exhibition of physical skill were in progress? . . . 11MR 161.1

"Labor should be connected with study, and through following a course of this kind an all-sided, well-balanced education will be the result. This is the rational method through which souls may be barricaded against evil influences. In this way the mind may be

"For several years after the call of Elisha, Elijah and Elisha labored together, the younger man daily gaining greater preparedness for his work. Elijah had been God's instrument for the overthrow of gigantic evils. The idolatry which, supported by Ahab and the heathen Jezebel, had seduced the nation, had been given a decided check. Baal's prophets had been slain. The whole people of Israel had been deeply stirred, and many were returning to the worship of God. As Elijah's successor, Elisha, by careful, patient instruction, must endeavor to guide Israel in safe paths. His association with Elijah, the greatest prophet since the days of Moses, prepared him for the work that he was soon to take up alone.

"During these years of united ministry, Elijah from time to time was called upon to meet flagrant evils with stern rebuke. When wicked Ahab seized Naboth's vineyard, it was the voice of Elijah that prophesied his doom and the doom of all his house. And when Ahaziah, after the death of his father Ahab, turned from the living God to Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, it was Elijah's voice that was heard once more in earnest protest.

"The schools of the prophets, established by Samuel, had fallen into decay during the years of Israel's apostasy. Elijah re-established these schools, making provision for young men to gain an education that would lead them to magnify the law and make it honorable. Three of these schools, one at Gilgal, one at Bethel, and one at Jericho, are mentioned in the record. Just before Elijah was taken to heaven, he and Elisha visited these centers of training. The lessons that the prophet of God had given them on former visits, he now repeated. Especially did he instruct them concerning their high privilege of loyally maintaining their allegiance to the God of heaven. He also impressed upon their minds the importance of letting simplicity mark every feature of their education. Only in this way could they receive the mold of heaven and go forth to work in the ways of the Lord. {PK 224.3} The heart of Elijah was cheered as he saw what was being accomplished by means of these schools. The work of reformation was not complete, but he could see throughout the kingdom a verification of the word of the Lord, "Yet I have left Me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal."

1 Kings 19:18, PK 224, 225

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"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise." Ephesians 1:13

If we are faithful in this work, God will pour out his Spirit, and the latter rain will fall. The Elijah message will be preached with a double portion and there will be a repetition of Pentecost.

"It is with an earnest longing that I look forward to the time when the events of the Day of Pentecost shall be repeated with even greater power than on that occasion. John says, "I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory" [Rev. 18:1]. Then, as at the Pentecostal season, the people will hear the truth spoken to them, every man in his own tongue.—6BC 1055 (1886)

"In visions of the night, representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God.

The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great Day of Pentecost.—9T 126 (1909)

"The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel, are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. . . .

"Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers.—GC 611, 612 (1911).

God will employ agencies that will surprise us.

"Let me tell you that the Lord will work in this last work in a manner very much out of the common order of things, and in a way that will be contrary to any human planning. There will be those among us who will always want to control the work of God, to dictate even what movements shall be made when the work goes forward under the direction of the angel who joins the third angel in the message to be given to the world. God will use ways and means by which it will be seen that He is taking the reins in His own hands. The workers will be surprised by the simple means that He will use to bring about and perfect His work of righteousness.—TM 300 (1885).

"Do not imagine that it will be possible to lay out plans for the future. Let God be acknowledged as standing at the helm at all times and under every circumstance. He will work by

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means that will be suitable, and will maintain, increase, and build up His own people.—*CW 71 (1895)*.

"The Comforter is to reveal Himself, not in any specified, precise way that man may mark out, but in the order of God—in unexpected times and ways that will honor His own name.—*EGW '88 1478 (1896)*.

"He will raise up from among the common people men and women to do His work, even as of old He called fishermen to be His disciples. There will soon be an awakening that will surprise many. Those who do not realize the necessity of what is to be done will be passed by, and the heavenly messengers will work with those who are called the common people, fitting them to carry the truth to many places.—*15MR 312 (1905)*

The body of Christ is to remain united. The object and aim is not the separate from Israel but to nurture Israel. We are not to call God's people Babylon and isolate ourselves, but we are to faithfully guard the ancient waymarks and labour with our brothers and sisters. We are our brother's keeper.

"The Lord holds the church responsible for the souls whom they might save. If his people were to see themselves as God sees them, they could not endure to look their responsibilities and delinquencies in the face. Self-reproach would overwhelm them. Brethren and sisters in the faith, does the question arise in your hearts, "Am I my brother's keeper?" If you claim to be the children of God, you are your brother's keeper. God has entrusted to you sacred truths. Christ abiding in the individual members of the church is a well of water, springing up into everlasting life. You are guilty before God if you do not make every effort possible to dispense this living water to others. Men are perishing close by your own doors, while they hew out to themselves broken cisterns that hold no water. **Heaven is indignant at the ease of men and women in Zion, while souls are going down to ruin in their ignorance and sins.** Have we the truth for these last days? If we have, it must be carried to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. Ere long, the living and the dead will have been judged according to the deeds done in the body, and the law of God is the standard by which they are to be tested. Of this they must now be warned. God's holy law must be vindicated, and held up before them as a mirror. *RH, October 12, 1886 par. 11*

It is time that we labour together on these issues and put our money into the Lord's treasury to support this type of work.

"But this work requires means. It is true that times are hard, that money is not plenty; but the truth must be spread, and money to spread it must be placed in the treasury. Many are

trembling with fear because the work moves faster than their slow faith, and means is expended more rapidly than it comes into the treasury; and yet we have taken only the first few steps in advance. Our message is world-wide; yet many are doing nothing, and many more, so very little, and with so great a want of faith, that it is next to nothing. Shall we abandon the field that has already been opened in foreign countries? Shall we drop part of the work in our home missions? Shall we be disheartened at a debt of a few thousand dollars? Shall we falter and become laggards in the very last scenes of this world's history? My heart says, No, no! I cannot contemplate this question without a burning zeal in my souls to see this work go. We would not deny our faith, we would not deny Christ; yet we shall commit this fearful sin unless we move forward, as the providence of God opens the way. The work must not stop for want of means. More money must be invested. "Sell that ye have and give alms." There is a time coming when commandment-keepers can neither buy nor sell. In the last extremity, before this work shall close, thousands of dollars will be cheerfully laid upon the altar. Men and women will feel it a blessed privilege to share in the great work of preparing souls to stand in the great day of God, and they will give hundreds as readily as five dollars are given now. But let us not dishonor God by thinking that the church has not the means to do all the work that devolves upon her just now." *RH, October 12, 1886 par. 12*

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AMAZING DISCOVERIES UPDATE



June 2, 2002 - HEALTH CONFERENCE at Radisson Hotel, Burnaby - On this sunny Sunday, Amazing Discoveries held a health conference for the public featuring a number of speakers and topics. Professor Walter J. Veith presented his topics of dairy (Udderly Amazing) and Mad Cow's Disease (Sitting on a Time Bomb) and his vegan lifestyle lecture (An Alternative Lifestyle) in the morning, followed by Katy Chamberlin speaking on the eight natural laws of health. Following a vegan buffet lunch served by the hotel, Brian Neumann spoke on hydrotherapy and also the effects of music on our health (an interesting twist to the concept of health). In the evening, Dr. Hilda S. Rainda presented practical applications of charcoal as used in her experiences as a medical missionary in New Guinea and how it can be used with common ailments. Throughout the day, attendees could peruse through the exhibit room where Fountainview Adventist Academy had a lifestyle screening test

when champions are few - this will be our test. At this time, we must

available, and a licensed massage therapist worked in a corner giving foot, leg & shoulder massages. Also on exhibit was CHIP, and some new health products available through Amazing Discoveries including the seemingly favourite exhibit of the SoyaJoy Milk Maker - a machine that produces fresh, hot, homemade soya milk in 15 minutes with a push of a button. With continuous smoothies and dips made from the SoyaJoy Milk Maker available for tasting throughout the day, it was a popular exhibit, to say the least.



SOYAJY MILK MAKER This cost-saving little machine not only makes milk from soybeans but milk from various nuts as well as rice. The milk from soybeans can also be used to make tofu. It makes 50 ounces of milk per batch at approximately 20¢ per gallon. It is **SO** easy to use, and so quick. I have never been more pleased with a kitchen gadget! Features include: stainless steel construction, stainless steel permanent filter, microprocessor controlled, automatic, grinding, heating, filtering, easy to use, easy to clean, one year warranty. Just add soaked soybeans, nuts, or rice, and water - Press the start button, and hot milk is ready in 15 min. Salt and sweetener can be added to taste. Available in 110 or 220V **\$ 200.00 CDN + taxes + shipping**

TULSA, OK - From April 15 to May 12, Professor Walter J. Veith held a full evangelistic seminar in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Walter Veith began by presenting his evolution/creation series, and then moving to the full Bible series, ending with health. About 30 non-SDAs attended regularly night by night. Many of the dear people expressed their interest in studying the truth further. Eternity will tell the impact of the meetings on those that attended. One of the highlights of the Tulsa trip was the opportunity for Dr. Veith and the team to visit a freemason temple. The experience helped to re-affirm many of the things that Dr. Veith shares in his series and some excellent footage was obtained that was used in the new lecture series the following night!

NEW VIDEO & DVD SERIES - During this series, the Amazing Discoveries team also video-taped the entire Bible series again to bring it up to date with current events. Those who view these tapes will enjoy the presentations and updated powerpoint graphics.

A new lecture was also added to the B series - Occult Explosion - an addition to Walter's world events/sunworship segment of the Bible series. The videos are all longer in length than previously with some of them being nearly 2 hours of information! DVDs are now also available.

FORT WORTH, TX - Immediately following the Tulsa campaign, Walter & Sonica flew down to Texas for a two-week series at the Fort Worth SDA Church. Although attendance at the church started out very small (10-15) people!! night by night the attendance GREW until almost 400 people were attending night by night! We praise God for the revival and renewed interest in Christ's soon return that took place in Fort Worth, Texas!



VOICES OF A DYING PLANET

USA TOUR - It has been a tremendous blessing spending over a month doing the 'Voices of a Dying Planet' seminar tour up the West Coast of the U.S.A. The Lord has been so good and I thank Him and praise Him for the opportunity

to be able to play a small part in His work. Some of the church's visited were the Meadow Vista Church, Azusa Church (near Los Angeles), Porterville, Fresno and Tacoma. The response to the seminars was so positive in these churches that I decided, instead of telling you all about it myself, to let the people (most of them teenagers and young adults) who attended these seminars, tell you about the blessing they received - in their own words. I will also share some of the testimonies from the people who attended the meetings in Europe (Portugal, Greece, Germany and Austria) during the month and a half before I came over to North America. Some folk have also sent their remarks to the Amazing Discoveries website, and I will include one or two of these as well

Brian Neumann

Seminar Testimonies

I have just purchased the "Voices of a Dying Planet" series by Brian S. Neumann and they are wonderful.

To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord

gathered from the colleges of others, courage from their cowardice, & loyalty from their treason." 17 186

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I've been telling people at church about them and have started sharing them with others. (*Ronnie L. Smith*)

Brother Neumann: I would like to thank you for the rich blessing of your ministry. I've heard a few music seminars in the past . . . but this has been by far the most exhaustive truth I've ever heard. You've given the 3rd Angel's message in a way I've never heard. I can now give a sound biblical reason for the hope that is in me with regards to the true worship of our Lord. (*Your Sister in Christ - Europe*)

I thoroughly enjoyed this seminar! It was truly a blessing! The information that was given was shockingly true! It was stuff I didn't even know! It made me realize that it isn't the music that makes you feel better, it is God alone. Brian's Christlike attitude made me accept the message even more! Never once did I feel condemned for my musical tastes. This is a message that the whole world is hungry for – whether it knows it or not. (*Stephanie Jaeger, Meadow Vista Church, California, USA, 17 yrs old*)

I really enjoyed your meetings. They really helped me decide what to do with all of my musical decisions. (*Chris Scales – U.S.A.*)

I was very blessed by this seminar and learned ALOT! . . . These seminars were interesting and easy to listen to! God is really working . . . (*U.S.A.*)

. . . I want you to know that I got baptized two months ago! I thank you much, for the little time you spent in Santa Cruz (this was last year) was very influential on my decision. (*Aaron Roberson, U.S.A.*)

Hi, I was one of the people that attended Brian's lectures in Fresno, Ca. I thoroughly enjoyed the series and wish that this information had been available when I was a teen. I thank you so very much for coming to Fresno. (*Fresno, U.S.A.*)

This is one of the first meetings that I have actually been into and have enjoyed! I was into some music that was taking me away from my relationship with God. I thought that music didn't influence me but as I listened to the seminars I realized I was being influenced into things that did draw me away from coming closer to God! I can't thank-you enough for how your seminars changed my life! . . . You have been a great blessing to me and the rest of my family! . . . Thank you again for coming to my school and sharing with us your testimony and things we needed to know about music! I know it has been, and will be as much of a blessing to other people as

it has been to me! Thank you. (*Brittani Erickson, Teenager, Meadow Vista, U.S.A.*)

As can be seen by some of these testimonies (most of them from young people), the Lord has truly blessed the efforts that have been put forward to bring people to a greater understanding of what constitutes right music and worship to Him. There was a non-Adventist man who attended the series in Porterville and who has been coming to the Seventh-day Adventist Church for years but had never made a commitment to being baptized into the church. After the series he came to me and told me his story and let me know that as a result of what he had heard in the presentations he now has decided to be baptized and become an SDA.

Again, I thank the Lord for these wonderful results. The 'Voices of a Dying Planet' series deal with more than just music. It deals with the whole aspect of worship to God and how it relates to the end-time issues that do and will face every person on this planet.

The challenge that faces each of us today – this is not just a future challenge, but is a present reality – is not just who or what we *will* worship, but also has to do with *how* we worship. If we are not worshiping the One true God according to His design in the present, then we will be led to the final compromise and worship the Beast and his image. After all, if we are practicing a false form of worship today, the step that will lead us to openly worship a false God in the future, will be an easy one to take. After all, false worship is as much spiritual adultery as bowing down to an image made of wood or stone. Consider these words by E.G. White:

"All false worship is spiritual adultery." *MS 126, 1901*

One of the things that have led us to practice false worship has been a false concept of God. Instead of seeing Him as the holy, almighty, awesome God that should be approached in reverence and solemnity, He has become the buddy down the street that you slap on the back and crack jokes with. Ellen White makes some interesting remarks about false concepts of God:

"Thousands have a false conception of God and His attributes. They are as verily serving a false god as were the servants of Baal." *Ibid. Dec. 3, 1908*

Let us always remember that God is the one who determines how we worship Him. After all, HE IS GOD!



WEBSITE UPDATE - Our website is continuing to grow. During the Tulsa campaign, our hits and # of data transferred increased dramatically, putting us at approx. 50,000th place on the Alexa rating board of most visited sites based on data transferred (anything under 100,000 is good.) Each lecture from Walter's Tulsa campaign was available to view on-line night by night, and many were logging on to watch the series over the net. The series remained on the net for approx. a month after the series. Now our website offers one lecture at a time and is changed biweekly. Questions & Answers from Walter's nightly meetings are still available to watch.

We thank God for the interest that has been aroused with those that use the internet, and solicit your prayers that this site will continue to be a beacon of light to the entire world. Our current projects involve translation of the site into German, French, Spanish, and other languages. We pray that God will use this site to fulfill His purpose in spreading the three-angel's message to all the world.

MARANATHA MEDICAL MINISTRIES - Joe & Elsa Willis are Seventh-day Adventist medical missionaries working in the Carribean and Central America. Through several circumstances in their lives, they felt that God was calling them to do a special work for Him. Leaving their home in Virginia, they have established an outpost through God's providence in the mountains of Honduras, where they treat the "forgotten poor" - those that have no money for hospital or medical care and therefore, are left to suffer and die. Several days every week they have "visitation day" where the surrounding community comes for medical treatment and a little extra kindness. As a result of their work in Honduras, there is now a little church built in the mountains with 10 baptized members and 13 more waiting for baptism. Joe & Elsa Willis do not want to keep this experience only for themselves. They open their outpost to anyone who would like to come and experience the life of a medical missionary and learn how to do some of the same things they are doing, including homeschool and school groups. Many people have already come to their outpost to help. Among them a young girl, named Sheri Trueblood, who has spent 6 months with them in the Honduras mountains, learning about natural remedies and medical techniques, as well as learning Spanish and teaching the little children and giving Bible studies.

Joe, Elsa, and Sheri have been on tour in the US for the summer, sharing their experiences with video footage and telling of the people in the mountains. On July 5-7, 2002 they presented their experiences at the Langley SDA Church. It was a pleasure to hear their stories and "meeting" the people they have helped. One of their stories that they shared was moving account of a little boy named "Juan".

Juan was a little 8 year old boy that had to pick coffee

beans every day to help feed his family. In the evenings, he liked to attend the children's meetings that were being held congruent to an evangelistic seminar for the adults. As the series continued, Joe & Elsa realized that the adults attending needed to have their own Bibles. Although there were no Bibles available, they saved up money until they could go and buy some Bibles, but it was specifically stated that the Bibles would go only to the adults. Juan desperately wanted a Bible of his own, and so he repeatedly asked if he couldn't possibly also get a Bible. After much pleading, Joe & Elsa decided that they would make an exception and save Juan a Bible when the Bibles arrived. Each day, Juan would run to the children's meetings and ask "Are they here yet? Have the Bibles arrived?" and each day he would be told, "No, Juan, the Bibles haven't come yet."

But one day, the Bibles *did* arrive. The girls teaching the children's class were excited as they wrote a little note to Juan in his new Bible. They looked forward to that evening when they could present him with his *very own* Bible. That day it had rained heavily, and the hillside was covered in rivers of mud. When evening came, the girls waited expectantly for Juan to arrive, but Juan did not arrive. Soon they began to wonder why he wasn't coming, but then they saw him, coming from the coffee bean fields. He was very muddy from the day's work and the results of the heavy rains. As he came in, they called him over to them, and smiling, held out the beautiful Bible that Juan had so long been wanting. But instead of taking the Bible, Juan backed off and with a pained expression, said "No, I can't take it!" "Why not?" the girls asked, surprised at this sudden change. "Because I'm too dirty", said Juan. "I can't take it."

This story, which was told to the children at Langley SDA Church, had a lesson in it for all of us. How do we treat the Holy Word? Do we treasure it, keeping it clean, placing it carefully, never covering it with another book of "lesser" quality? And how do we approach it when we read it? Do we realize how dirty we too are? Do we ask Jesus to cleanse us each and every day of our sin and from all unrighteousness? Perhaps we would have a richer experience with the Lord, and a closer walk with Him, if we realized our real state more often, instead of bolstering ourselves up in self-confidence. Just a thought.

Joe & Elsa publish a free monthly newsletter that is a blessing to receive in the mail. Those who would like to receive their newsletter and learn more about what they do should let them know in the following ways:

Maranatha Medical Ministries
PO Box 1344
Orange, VA 22960
maraministries@yahoo.com

MMM is looking for young people you would like to a medical missionary experience. Those interested in travelling to Honduras for an experience of a lifetime can also contact them at the address above.



Eating Between Meals The Importance of Regularity

... After the regular meal is eaten, the stomach should be allowed to rest for five hours. Not a particle of food should be introduced into the stomach till the next meal. In this interval, the stomach will perform its work, and will then be in a condition to receive more food.

... In no case should the meals be irregular. If dinner is eaten an hour or two before the usual time, the stomach is unprepared for the new burden; for it has not yet disposed of the food eaten at the previous meal, and has not vital force for new work. Thus the whole system is overtaxed.

... neither should the meals be delayed one or two hours, to suit circumstances, or in order that a certain amount of work may be accomplished. The stomach calls for food at the same time it is accustomed to received it. If that time is delayed, the vitality of the system is decreased, and finally reaches so low an ebb that the appetite is entirely gone. If food is then taken, the stomach is unable to properly care for it. The food cannot be converted into good blood.

... If all would eat at regular periods, not tasting anything between meals, they would be ready for their meals, and would find a pleasure in eating that would repay them for their effort.

... Regularity in eating is of vital importance. There should be a specified time for each meal. At this time, let every one eat what the system requires, and then take nothing more until the next meal. There are many who eat when the system needs no food, at irregular intervals, and between meals, because they have not sufficient strength of will to resist inclination. When travelling, some are constantly nibbling if anything eatable is within their reach. This is very injurious. If travellers would eat regularly of food that is simple and nutritious, they would not feel so great weariness, nor suffer so much from sickness.

... Regularity in eating should be carefully observed. Nothing should be eaten between meals, no confectionery, nuts, fruits, or food of any kind. Irregularities in eating decrease the healthful tone of the digestive organs, to the detriment of health and cheerfulness. And when the children come to the table, they do not relish wholesome food; their appetites crave that which is hurtful for them.

... Children are generally untaught in regard to the importance of when, how, and what they should eat. They are permitted to indulge their tastes freely, to eat at all hours, to

help themselves to fruit when it tempts their eyes, and this, with the pie, cake, bread and butter, and sweetmeats eaten almost constantly, makes them gormands and dyspeptics. The digestive organs, like a mill which is continually kept running, become enfeebled. Vital force is called from the brain to aid the stomach in its overwork, and thus the mental powers are weakened. The unnatural stimulation and wear of the vital forces make them nervous, impatient of restraint, self-willed, and irritable.

... It is quite a common custom with people of the world to eat three times a day, besides eating at irregular intervals between meals; and the last meal is generally the most heartiest and is often taken just before retiring. This is reversing the natural order; a hearty meal should never be taken so late in the day. Should these persons change their practice to eat but two meals a day, and nothing between meals, not even an apple, a nut, or any bite of fruit, the result would be seen in a good appetite and greatly improved health.

... Three meals a day and nothing between meals - not even an apple - should be the utmost limit of indulgence. Those who go further violate nature's laws and will suffer the penalty.

Counsels on Diet and Foods, pp. 179-182 

Tofu Whipped Topping

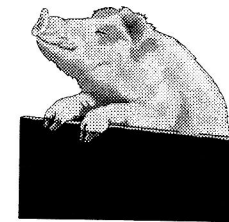
- 1 10oz container 1% tofu, soft (Mori-Nu)
= approx. 1 cup
- 2-4 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp honey
- ½ tsp lemon juice
- 1/3 tsp salt
- 1 ½ tsp vanilla

Combine all ingredients in blender or food processor and process until smooth and creamy. Chill and serve as you would whipped cream.

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Getting the Pork Out

by Christine Peck



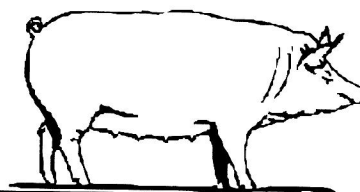
The Bible tells us that swine (pork) is an unclean food (*Lev. 11:7*). God also told His people, "Their flesh you shall not eat, and their carcasses you shall not touch. They are unclean to you." (*Lev 11:8*) "Therefore come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." (*2 Cor 6:17*)

"Pork, although one of the most common articles of diet, is one of the most injurious. God did not prohibit the Hebrews from eating swine's flesh merely to show His authority, but because it was not a proper article of food for man. It would fill the system with scrofula, and especially in that warm climate produced leprosy, and diseases of various kinds. Its influence upon the system in that climate was far more injurious than in a colder climate. But God never designed the swine to be eaten under any circumstances... But it is not the physical health alone which is injured by pork eating. The mind is affected, and the finer sensibilities are blunted by the use of this gross article of food. It is impossible for the flesh of any living creatures to be healthy when filth is their natural element, and when they will feed upon every detestable thing. The flesh of swine is composed of what they eat. If human beings eat their flesh, their blood and their flesh will be corrupted by impurities conveyed to them through the swine." *Counsel on Diet and Foods, p. 392-3*

Do you know what foods pork is found in? You might be surprised! While it's easy to avoid pork chops, ham and bacon, few of us realize how clever the food industry is in adding pork to our diets in the form of gelatin.

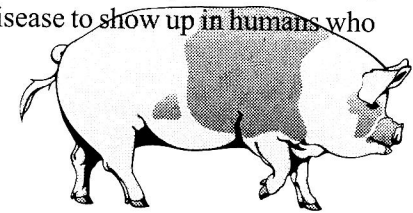
Gelatin - Where Does It come From?

Currently gelatin is manufactured from collagen derived from animal carcasses. ¹ Leiner Davis Gelatine (Davenport, Iowa) claims they have the largest gelatin manufacturing plant in the northern hemisphere. Their website (www.gelatin.com) states that they use the skin of pork and beef to make gelatin. Gelatine Manufacturers of Europe (www.gelatine.org) claims they also use the bones of these animals.



Prions in Gelatin?

The FDA has recently raised concerns about the safety of gelatin as a food product in light of the spread of mad cow disease. ² Gelatin is manufactured at low temperatures (less than 200 F) while it takes a temperature of 800 F to destroy the prion that causes mad cow disease. The mad cow disease prion is found most commonly in the central nervous system and the bones of animals. Nerve tissue reaches all parts of the body, including the skin, and the butchering process slices the bone and smears its contents across the face of the cut produced. So there is no safety in being selective about the parts you eat, if you choose to eat meat at all. It only takes one prion to start trouble. Scientists have observed that a prion placed next to a normal protein will change the normal protein to a prion. They have also discovered by studying vCJD disease cases from Britain that it only takes 18 months for symptoms of mad cow disease to show up in humans who have eaten infected beef. ³



What is it Used in?

Gelatin is used in a variety of ways by the food industries, as a gelling agent, thickener, film former, protective colloid, adhesive agent, stabilizer, emulsifier, foaming/whipping agent, and a beverage fining agent, according to Leiner Davis Gelatin. Another website states that gelatin is used in hard capsules, soft gels, plasma expanders, tablet binders and coatings, and vaccine stabilizers as well as numerous consumer food applications. ⁴ The Gelatine Manufacturers of Europe website also indicates the major food use sectors for gelatin are jelly, bakery, meat products, fish products, confectionary, ice cream, alcoholic and soft drinks, dairy products, and yellow fats and spreads.

So general speaking, gelatin may be an ingredient in any processed food product on the market today, especially those with a gooey, chewy consistency or requiring thickeners and gravies. They are often listed as mono- and di-glycerides on nutrition labels. A visit to the website of Leiner Davis Gelatin provided a wide list of foods in which gelatin is a component.

Confectionery products: gelled confectionery - includes jubes, wine gums, pastilles and the popular gummy products; aerated confections - marshmallows, nougate, marshmallowmeringues, and biscuit and wafer fillings; sugar-pulled confectionery - fruit chews, milk caramels, toffees, cream pastes, licorice; compressed tablets; lozenges

Dairy products: yogurt, sour cream, soft cheese products (cream cheese, cottage cheese and cheese spreads), acidic

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milk desserts (frozen and refrigerated cheesecakes), flavored milk-based desserts (puddings, molded creams and custards, mousses, chiffons and souffles), frozen desserts (premium ice-cream to water-ices, milk ices and novelties), thickened cream, low-fat butters/spreads (margarine products)

Gelatin Desserts - jelly crystals or tablets such as in "Jell-O" and rennet

Meat Products - cooked ham, canned meat products, aspics (aspics are diced and seasoned cooked meat or meat and vegetable pieces suspended in a gel made of gelatin), sausage, decorative jellies, coatings and glazes for meats

Farinaceous Foods - biscuit marshmallow, frostings and icings, bakery glazes

Other Applications - as a binder and gelling agent in canned seafood and seafood aspic products; micro-encapsulation of flavors, colors and vitamins; as a stabilizer in cream fillings for frozen baked products; protein enrichment of foods such as in beverages and dietetic products; as a film former in panned confectionery products such as sugared almonds, hard panned chewing gum varieties and also in the coating of fruits, meats and delicatessen items; as a thickener and emulsifier in soups, sauces, and gravies; in combination with other hydrocolloids, gelatin can also be used as a thickener and stabilizer in low fat mayonnaise and salad dressings.

The Bottom Line

If you want to avoid pork in your food, avoid eating commercially manufactured foods. Make your prepared dishes yourself. Make them from whole grains you cook yourself, legumes you prepare yourself, fresh/frozen vegetables, fresh fruits, and raw nuts and seeds you roast yourself. Obtain your sweeteners from dates, raisins, honey, applesauce (the kind made of apples and water only), and jams/jellies/apple "butters" made from 100% fruit without additives. (Pectin and citric acid are okay; they come from fruits). If you must add gravies or thickeners, make your own from flower, water or nut milks, olive oil and herbs. Nut creams, nut milks and tofu work well as replacements for milk and milk products in gravies and sauces. Many dishes can be prepared ahead of time and placed in the freezer for quick use.

If you feel it's too hard to make your favorite dishes "from scratch" try changing your menu plan. The palate can be trained to enjoy simple foods from natural sources, and your body will be healthier for it. Nutritionists today advocate

eating a diet of whole grains, vegetables, fruits and nuts.

Eliminate sugary desserts, commercially prepared cookies, and candy from your diet. Replace them with fresh fruit, but avoid eating fruits and vegetables at the same meal. (See *The Health Message*, vol. 1 no. 7) Eat healthy and stay healthy!

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3. "A beef with beef", by Amy Toburen, University of Wisconsin (http://whyfiles.org/012mad_cow)

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Cashew Cream

2/3 c	cooked rice warm
1/2 c	cashews, unsalted
1 tsp	vanilla
1/2 tpsalt	
3-4 tsp	honey
1/4 - 1/2 cup water - just enough to blend the ingredients for a thick consistency	
1 med	banana (use only if using cream for dessert-type recipes)

In a blender, combine all ingredients and blend on high speed until smooth and creamy. It may take 2-3 minutes for the cashews to be thoroughly blended. Then add more water, a little at a time, until desired consistency is reached. Add as little water as possible to make a thick cream base for soups, gravies, and other recipes that need thickening. Leave out the vanilla and the honey when using in soups. Chill in an airtight container. Makes 2 1/2 cups of cream. This can be made up to 3 days ahead of time and stored in an airtight container. For milk, use 3-4 cups of water.

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els, the program will be coordinated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Operation TIPS is one part of President Bush's new volunteer Citizen Corps program that urges Americans to keep their neighborhoods safe. The program is described on the government Web site www.citizencorps.gov.

"This broad network of volunteer efforts will harness the power of the American people by relying on their individual skills and interests to prepare local communities to effectively prevent and respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, or any kind of disaster," the program's description on the Web site states.

The program has already alarmed several civil liberties groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union and the Rutherford Institute, which say the administration should not allow TIPS to become "an end run around the Constitution."

Critics say that having Americans act as "domestic informants" is reminiscent of the infamous Stasi, the new-disbanded communist East German secret police service that snooped on dissidents and ordinary East German citizens for more than 40 years, compiling a huge catalogue of notes.

Rachel King, an ACLU legislative counsel, said yesterday the organization is concerned that law enforcement will use the volunteers, especially those whose occupations allow them to enter homes and monitor residents - to search people's residences, without a warrant. She said that the organization is also worried that the program will adversely affect the fight against terrorism by wasting resources on useless tips and that the program will encourage vigilantism and racial profiling.

"The administration apparently wants to implement a program that will turn local cable or gas or electrical technicians into government-sanctioned peeping Toms," Miss King said.

John Whitehead, executive director of the Rutherford Institute, agreed.

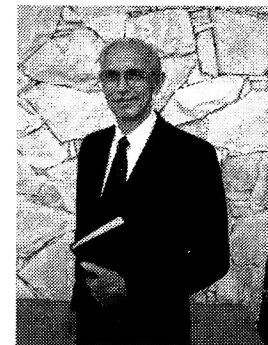
"This is George Orwell's '1984.' It's an absolutely horrible and very dangerous idea," he said. "It's making Americans into government snoops. President Bush wants the average American to do what the FBI should be doing. In the end, though, nothing is going to prevent terrorists from crashing planes into buildings."

A Justice Department official in charge of answering questions about Operation TIPS was out of the office yesterday and not available for comment.

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GOD'S ULTIMATUM

by Pastor Victor Gill



The last words of our loving Lord to His church were not the great commission - "Go ye therefore..." *Matthew 28:19,20*. While it is true this is indeed to be our work until the close of probation, nevertheless, Christ's last words to the church was "Repent"! This was His command to five of the seven churches in Asia and the fact is that this ration still stands. Five out of seven Christians and churches today need, first of all, to repent. God's ultimatum is "Repent or else". *Revelations 2:5,16*

Repentance is a much frowned on word today in 21st century religion, but it was an indispensable word in New Testament theology. John the Baptist, we are told in *Mark 1:1-4*, was the first to preach the gospel in preparing the way of the Lord. His message was that of repentance. (See also *Matthew 3:1,2*) In *Mark 1:14,15* we read the same of Jesus. Again in *Luke 13:3* He said, "...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

The problem today, I believe, with 21st century sophisticated society can be summed up in the experience of the evangelist who asked a man, "Are you saved?" and the man replied, "No, but I'd like to be". "Is it because you realize that you're a sinner?" asked the minister. "Well, of course, we're all sinners!" was his reply. "But are you a sinner yourself?" the evangelist pressed. "Well, I suppose I am, but not what you'd call a bad sinner. In fact, I think I'm a fairly good person - as good as the average, at least!" "Then," replied the evangelist thoughtfully, "as long as you feel that way, there is little I can do to help you find the way to salvation. Good sinners, along with truthful liars, honest thieves and upright scoundrels are far from being ready to accept of the proffered grace of God.. This grace is for the poor, unworthy sinner with no goodness to plead and no personal merit to build upon. God can help and save only one who is ready to be saved by the works and merits of another. That one is the Lord Jesus Christ. I appeal to you to repent and seek Him with your whole heart." Whether he did or not, I do not know.

The problem we face today, not only in the world but in the church, is that so many "good sinners" call themselves Christians, but they have never taken the first step in finding the peace and joy in Christ Jesus that He declares is essential. (*Luke 13:3*)

Whether we are overt sinners, never having given our hearts to the Lord, or halting, failing, defeated saints,

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there is only one way to God. We must repent. We must come to Jesus in full and complete surrender, falling, as it were, upon the Rock, Christ Jesus, and be broken. We've got to spill it all out to Him. This is not easy for 21st century, proud hearted men and women.

Many people do not understand the word "repentance". They are like the young man who came to evangelist D.L. Moody to discuss the subject of repentance. "It never struck me," he declared. "What do you mean?" Moody asked. "Well," the youth replied, "Some it strikes and some it doesn't. I've seen many repent and take their stand for Christ, but it has never struck me." This young man had the mistaken idea that repentance is something like lightning. This is not true. We are moved to repentance, but repentance is not emotion. It's a deep conviction of wrong doing that leads the individual to turn to God for cleansing from sin. The Greek word for repentance is "metanoeo" which means "to change one's mind". Repentance is a gift from God, and like all gifts, it can be rejected or we can choose to receive it and act upon it.

Repentance and confession are inseparable. Those who accept the gift of repentance will confess their sins and "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness". 1 John 1:9 When we do this we are justified, which means now we stand before God "just as if" we never committed a sin in our lives and if we are "justified by faith, then we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ". (See Romans 5:1) That's not only good news about something to happen in the sweet by and by, but it's a joyful experience that one can have here and now. Praise God!

The reason Jesus said, "Repent or else!" which may seem rather harsh to some, is because it's one of His loving gifts that He so freely gives to whosoever will and is the first step in our acceptance of Him who is the only means of salvation. Most people think of repentance as something that we do when we get ourselves into trouble and it's our guilt that drives us to repentance rather than the "goodness of God". (Romans 2:4) We read in Matthew 11:20 that Jesus accused the cities wherein most of His mighty works were done because they repented not. Why did He do that? Because it says that in these cities most of His mighty works were done and if you read verse 5 of chapter 20 it tells us all the wonderful miracles He performed for them and still they repented not. Repentance is too often motivated by the things we do. While

it is true we need to repent of our sins when we do wrong, Jesus not only forgives us our sins but He delivers us from the power of sin. How is this made possible? There is only one way. We must be born again, born from above. There has to be a power working from within. We read about it in Ezekiel 36:26,27: "A new heart

also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them." You may say, "Yes, of course, that's what I want for my life. But how can I make it happen?" That's what this article is all about. I want to help you understand and have this kind of an experience by sharing with you what has been given us in love by way of the "Testimony of Jesus."

Please read the following statements prayerfully. Pause and reflect over each thought expressed. We read in *Mes-*

sages to Young People, p 151, 152:

"You will be in constant peril (danger) until you understand the true force of the will. You may believe and promise all things, but your promises or your faith are of no value until you put your will on the side of faith and action. Your feelings, your impressions, your emotions, are not to be trusted, for they are not reliable, especially with your perverted ideas; and the knowledge of your broken promises and your forfeited pledges weakens your confidence in yourself, and the faith of others in you.

"But you need not despair. You must be determined to believe, although nothing seems true and real to you. You must win back your confidence in God and in your brethren. It is for you to yield up your will to the will of Jesus Christ; and as you do this God will immediately take possession, and work in you to will and to do of His good pleasure. Your whole nature will then be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ; and even your thoughts will be subject to Him.

"You cannot control your impulses, your emotions as you may desire, but you can control the will, and you can make an entire change in your life. By yielding up your will to Christ, your life will be hid with Christ in God and allied to the power which is above all principalities and powers." MYP 151, 152

"Pure religion has to do with the will. The will is the governing power in the nature of man, bringing all the other faculties under its sway. The will is not the taste or the inclination, but it is the deciding power, which works in the children of men unto obedience to God, or unto disobedience." MYP 151

Notice what it says here in the book *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p 62, about what happens when we surrender our will to the Lord. This is most encouraging be-

cause it shows us the miracle of grace that takes place when we surrender our will to the Lord. This is something that we cannot do for ourselves. Our part is to surrender.

"Our will is to be yielded to Him, that we may receive it again, purified and refined, and so linked in sympathy with the Divine that He can pour through us the tides of His love and power. However bitter and painful this surrender may appear to the willful, wayward heart, yet "it is profitable for thee." MB 62

When we have this experience we are automatically doing His will and this is when it becomes a joy to be a Christian. Our will is one with His will! Praise God!!

Notice what *Desire of Ages* page 466 says of this experience:

"In the work of redemption there is no compulsion. No external force is employed. Under the influence of the Spirit of God, man is left free to choose whom he will serve. The expulsion of sin is the act of the soul itself. True, we have no power to free ourselves from Satan's control; but when we desire to be set free from sin, and in our great need cry out for a power out of and above ourselves, the powers of the soul are imbued with the divine energy of the Holy Spirit, and they obey the dictates of the will in fulfilling the will of God."

Then on page 668 of the same book we read:

"All true obedience comes from the heart. It was heart work with Christ. And if we consent, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims, so blend our hearts and minds into conformity to His will, that when obeying Him we shall be but carrying out our own impulses. The will, refined and sanctified, will find its highest delight in doing His service. When we know God as it is our privilege to know Him, our life will be a life of continual obedience. Through an appreciation of the character of Christ, through communion with God, sin will become hateful to us".

"It is through the will that sin retains its hold upon us. The surrender of the will is represented as plucking out the eye or cutting off the hand. Often it seems to us that to surrender the will to God is to consent to go through life maimed or crippled." MB 61

"Only through the surrender of our will to God is it possible for Him to impart life to us. Only by receiving His life through self-surrender is it possible, said Jesus, for these hidden sins, which I have pointed out, to be overcome." MB 61

"If you cling to self, refusing to yield your will to God, you are choosing death. To sin, wherever found, God is a consuming fire. If you choose sin, and refuse to separate from it, the presence of God, which consumes sin, must consume you." MB 62

Steps to Christ, page 49 speaks of surrender.

"Many are inquiring, 'How am I to make the surrender of myself to God?' You desire to give yourself to Him, but

you are weak in moral power, in slavery to doubt, and controlled by the habits of your life of sin. Your promises and resolutions are like ropes of sand. You cannot control your thoughts, your impulses, your affections. The knowledge of your broken promises and forfeited pledges weakens your confidence in your own sincerity, and causes you to feel that God cannot accept you; but you need not despair. What you need to understand is the true force of the will. This is the governing power in the nature of man, the power of decision, or of choice. Everything depends on the right action of the will. The power of choice God has given to men; it is theirs to exercise. You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can choose to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus your whole nature will be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ; your affections will be centered upon Him, your thoughts will be in harmony with Him.

"Desires for goodness and holiness are right as far as they go; but if you stop here, they will avail nothing. Many will be lost while hoping and desiring to be Christians. They do not come to the point of yielding the will to God. They do not now choose to be Christians."

So right now why not pray and ask the dear Lord to take your will and sanctify it, and purify it. Say, "Dear Lord, please help me and change me from the inside out. I choose to surrender my will to you now. I choose to be fully surrendered.

"Through the right exercise of the will, an entire change may be made in your life. By yielding up your will to Christ, you ally yourself with the power

that is above all principalities and powers. You will have strength from above to hold you steadfast, and thus through constant surrender to God you will be enabled to live the new life, even the life of faith." SC 49

Isn't this wonderful? But there is something even more beautiful. *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, p. 60

"When the thought of evil is loved and cherished, however secretly, said Jesus, it shows that sin still reigns in the heart. The soul is still in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity. He who finds pleasure in dwelling upon scenes of impurity, who indulges the evil thought, the lustful look, may behold in the open sin, with its burden of shame and heart-breaking grief, the true nature of the evil which he has hidden in the chambers of the soul. The season of temptation, under which it may be, one falls into grievous sin, does not create the evil that is revealed, but only develops or makes manifest that which was hidden and latent in the heart. As a man "thinketh in his heart, so is he;" for out of the heart "are the issues of life." Proverbs 23:7;4:23.

"No one can occupy a neutral position; there is no middle class, who neither love God nor serve the enemy of righteousness. Christ is to live in His human agents and work through their faculties and act through their capabilities. Their will must

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be submitted to His will; they must act with His Spirit. Then it is no more they that live, but Christ that lives in them. He who does not give himself wholly to God is under the control of another power, listening to another voice, whose suggestions are of an entirely different character....."

"The strongest bulwark of vice in our world is not the iniquitous life of the abandoned sinner or the degraded outcast; it is that life which otherwise appears virtuous, honorable, and noble, but in which one sin is fostered, one vice indulged. To the soul that is struggling in secret against some giant temptation, trembling upon the very verge of the precipice, such an example is one of the most powerful enticements to sin." MB 94.

Do you want to be such a person? I think not. I certainly don't.

"As the will of man co-operates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at His command, may be accomplished in His strength. All His biddings are enabling!" MYP 101

"But you must remember that your will is the spring of all your actions. This will, that forms so important a factor in the character of man, was at the fall given into the control of Satan; and he has ever since been working in man to will and to do of his own pleasure, but to the utter ruin and misery of man....

"There is no such thing as following Christ unless you refuse to gratify inclination and determine to obey God. It is not your feelings, your emotions that make you a child of God, but the doing of God's will. A life of usefulness is before you, if your will becomes God's will." MYP 153, 154

"A noble all-round character is not inherited. It does not come to us by accident. A noble character is earned by individual effort through the merits and grace of Christ. God gives the talents, the powers of the mind; we form the character. It is formed by hard, stern battles with self. Conflict after conflict must be waged against hereditary tendencies. We shall

have to criticize ourselves closely, and allow not one unfavorable trait to remain uncorrected.

"Let no one say, I cannot remedy my defects of character. If you come to this decision, you will certainly fail of obtaining everlasting life. The impossibility lies in your own will. If you will not, then you cannot overcome. The real difficulty arises from the corruption of an unsanctified heart, and an unwillingness to submit to the control of God." MYP 99

"The sense of sins forgiven will bring that peace that passeth all understanding. There will be an earnest striving to overcome all that is opposed to Christian perfection. Variance will disappear. He who once found fault with those around him will see that far greater faults exist in his own character." MYP 73

Are you beginning to see the truth in the words of Jesus, "Repent or else."? We have so much to repent of. The fact is He's coming soon and real soon. He's coming for His bride, and "The bride has made herself ready". Rev. 19:7 Are you ready, am I ready? That's the question that should concern each and every one of us.

When Jesus came the first time He entered by way of a seed in Mary's womb and no one saw Him come. The next time He comes, "Every eye shall see Him."!

The first time He came as a Lamb. The next time He is coming as the Lion of the tribe of Judah.

The first time He came to redeem. The next time He's coming to rule and to reign.

The first time He came to die. The next time He's coming to raise the sleeping saints.

The first time He wore a crown of thorns. The next time He will be wearing a golden crown of glory. (Rev. 14:14; Matt. 16:27)

Let me sum it all up by quoting a very familiar text to all of us I am sure:

"It shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered." Joel 2: 28-32

"It shall come to pass afterward....". —After what? What will precede the great outpouring of the Spirit of God that He has promised in these last days? We find the answer in the same chapter verses 12 and 13, God is speaking, and He says, "Turn ye even to me with all your heart,....and rend your heart, and not your garments." This is a call for genuine repentance.

My appeal is that we take seriously the call of our Savior, "Repent or else". May God bless us all to this end.

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