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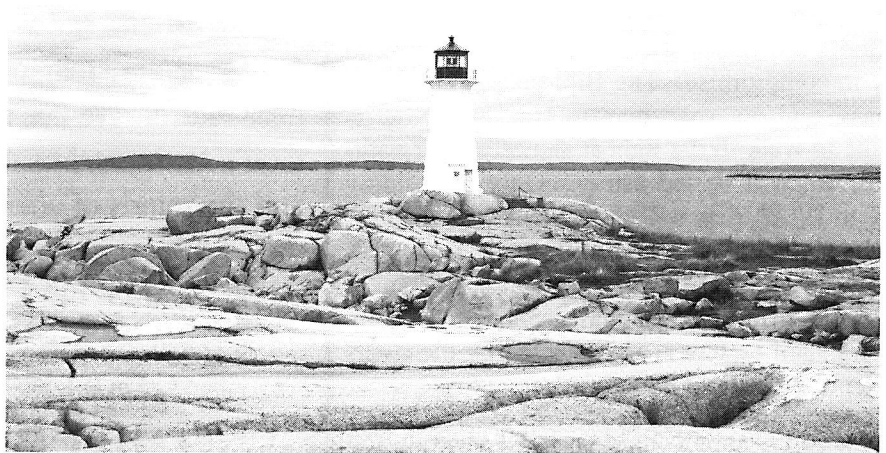


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*A Journal for Those Who Dare*



The night is far spent,  
the day is at hand:  
let us therefore cast off the  
works of darkness,  
and let us put on the  
armour of light.

Romans 13:12

## Hold Fast to the Anchor!

*Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering."  
Hebrews 10:23*

We are living in the most solemn and serious time in earth's history. God's people should now be earnestly seeking to surrender all to Jesus, and holding fast to that which is truth. In an age when every conceivable wind of doctrine is blowing, and God's law is being trampled upon, there is no safety in compromise. The Bible is our chart and compass, and our road map to Heaven. Now is the time to walk in the light it shines on our pathway, or we will be led astray. Only by holding firmly to Bible truth will we be able to withstand the fiery darts of Satan, for fables and deceptions of every kind are being hurled against us. We must stand firmly rooted and grounded in truth. Then we shall be like a 'tree planted by the rivers of water that shall not be moved'.

A storm is approaching that will severely test our faith, and those who have nothing to which to anchor, will drift about from one delusion and deception to another. We do have an anchor. But the important question is, will it hold? Are we fastened firmly upon the God of our salvation? Or will we be blown about by the winds of every strange doctrine, like a ship tossed to and fro on a stormy sea, lost and without hope? Our choice will determine our destiny.

My prayer for each one of us, is that 2006 will be the year that we gain a strong foothold on the anchor that will keep our souls "steadfast and sure while the billows roll".

Hold fast to the anchor!!!



*Odessa Kieflik*

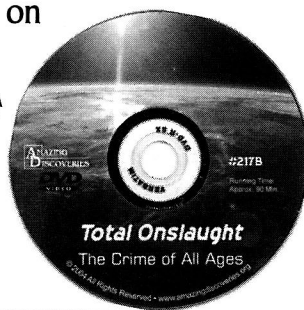
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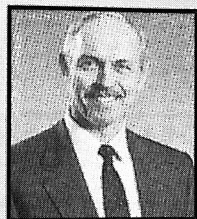
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# Enamored with Christ

By Victor Gill



*His mouth is most sweet:  
yea he is altogether  
lovely. This is my be-  
loved, and this is my friend."  
Song of Solomon 5:16*

Have you ever noticed the enthusiasm of a New Christian, all excited to share their new found faith? They have such zeal to witness! They are certain that their whole family, their friends, and their neighbors will join them in no time...But so often they experience absolute rejection. Why?

Let's say you were introduced this morning to a poultry man. You wanted to strike up a conversation with him and so you ask him, "How long have you been in the poultry business?" He says, "For ten years." "How many chickens do you have?" you ask. "Well," he says, "if all goes well this year, I hope to have my first chicken." You think to yourself, there is something wrong here. You must not have understood him. So you say to him, "You must have misunderstood my question. How long did you say you were in the business?" "Ten years" was the reply again. "Oh, you only expect to get your first chicken this year?" "Yes, that's right." You know right away that something is wrong. "Have you ever thought maybe you need to change your method?", you suggest.

Do you know that when it comes to Christianity, there are many Christians today who have

never hatched a chick. By that I mean, they have never won one soul to Christ. They have the idea that the reason for their failure is that the world is so difficult now a days. They have urged, nagged, scolded, condemned and criticized, but with no results. Has it ever dawned on them that they had better change their method, if they are going to be successful in leading a friend, relative or neighbor to their wonderful Lord?

**"There are many Christians today who have never hatched a chick."**

Some Christians try and make the choice for others. I don't know about you, but that method certainly would not interest me in the least. Don't they realize that the decision to accept or reject Christ is a personal, individual matter? And since that is true, the part of the Christian is to present Christ in the most attractive manner as possible, so that the one to whom they are witnessing will of their own volition, choose Him as their Lord and Savior.

Let's look at two methods of soul winning. First, let's look at Christ's method. In Matt. 11:29, Jesus bids us, "Learn of me". In Hosea 2:14 Jesus says, "I will allure her and speak comfortably

unto her." In other words, Jesus is saying (as some margins suggest), I will speak "to her heart". I will speak "friendly" to her. Jesus is speaking here of a wanderer who has strayed so far from God that such a one is likened to Gomer, the wife of Hosea. Hosea's wife was unfaithful to him. She went so far down into sin that he himself became so disgusted with her, that he sold her on the common slave market. And who do you suppose went down to the slave market to buy her back? Hosea, her former husband. Can you imagine that? This is written for our learning and instruction that we might know the method of winning a soul to Christ. Hosea represents God and His love for lost humanity.

God says, "I will allure her." God will allure who? Yes, this defiled, unfaithful, unworthy, ungrateful wretch!

If you or I had gone out to bring back such a one, we might have boasted, "I tell you, I didn't mince matters with her. I told her in no uncertain terms that she was a filthy sinner. I looked her straight in the eye - and she knew I meant business - and said to her, 'Why don't you smarten up and behave yourself?'"

And then doubtless we would have reported it as "one missionary visit." But the devil...

...would say, "That visit belongs in my book. That was a visit for me." And it would have been, wouldn't it? But God shows us the way to win her back. Loathsome though her character may be, He declares, "I will allure her." "I will speak to her heart." That is God's philosophy of soul winning.

I was brought up to believe that any use of the word "allure" was always connected with some form of immorality. I did not know that the word "allure" belongs in the vocabulary of God and Christ. But there we find it in the book of Hosea.

Ellen White, speaking of Jesus and His method, sums it up like this: "His blessings He presents in the most alluring terms." (DA pg. 826) It does not merely say, "He presents His blessings". That would be a good method to use in attracting souls to Jesus. It does not even state that He presents His blessings in a beautiful way. That method would be better yet. But it is made very clear that Jesus presents His blessing "in the most alluring terms." "I will allure her." That is superlative language. "He is not content merely to announce these blessings." He presents them in the most attractive way, to excite a desire to possess them." That is Christ's method, and I thank God for it.

Christ tells us that the fundamental law of His government is love. (1 John 4:8). Closely associated with love is the power of choice. (Joshua 24:15). Love cannot function without choice. It is left for each one to "let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2: 5). Therefore, God cannot and will not,

compel anyone. The right to choose is the sovereign right of every human being. Even God, almighty though He is, will not decide for us. We all know that. Then why should we try to decide for another, since even God will not? Jesus makes Himself and His blessings so attractive that the human soul will choose Him. There is nothing complicated about that method. It is very simple.

"That religion which will not exert a regenerating power upon the world, is of no value. We cannot trust it for our own salvation. The sooner we cast it

**"His blessings He presents in the most alluring terms."**

away, the better; for it is powerless and spurious." (Test. 5, pg. 389) If our methods have not saved others, then they cannot save us, so we had better get a new philosophy - a new religion.

So it is with the spurious religion of urging, of criticism, instead of love - denunciation instead of an alluring, winning philosophy that points to Him who is "altogether lovely". Let us cast away that spurious or counterfeit method and exchange it for Christ's alluring method. "Could we now leave the cold, traditional sentiments which hinder our advancement, we would view the work of saving souls in an altogether different light." - RH, May 6, 1890.

But you might ask, "what about the warnings of Scripture?" That is a good question.

Let us notice briefly some of the most severe warnings of the Bible and study them very carefully.

Isaiah 58: 1, for example, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgression and the house of Jacob their sins." This is not commanding the church members to go out and condemn and denounce their unbelieving friends and neighbors. It is rather to "cry aloud" and show "my people", not unbelievers - "their transgressions and the house of Jacob" -not non-Christians- "their sins." This scripture is not a command to denounce other people, but it is a rebuke to God's professing people. (Read Isa. 58:1-7) According to these verses God's people have been denunciatory rather than kind and loving. They have had the spirit of condemnation, rather than the spirit of sacrifice. They love to examine the lives of others, rather than their own lives.

What a sad commentary!

A group of people who themselves are a covetous, debating, condemning people, think that the very message that condemns them and is given to bring them to their senses, is directed to others. Thus it does them no good.

In Christ's ministry He only denounced the denouncer, the hypocrites. Let us learn of Jesus.

It is no wonder that Jesus pleads with His own Laodicean church. He says, "Because thou sayest, I am rich and increased...

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...with goods and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. I will spue thee out of my mouth." (Rev. 3: 17, 16) So, the "Cry aloud, spare not" of Isaiah 58 is against a debating, covetous, professed Sabbath keeping church.

Someone may ask, "What are you going to do about Revelation 14: 8, 'Babylon is fallen, is fallen'?" Revelation 14:6 gives the setting. It declares that we are to give the "everlasting gospel." And the gospel is "good news." We had better be careful not to be so busy talking about "Babylon is fallen", that we fail to give the "gospel" also. We must see there is a balanced message. The gospel is the only hope for those who are in fallen Babylon. Therefore, to leave the gospel out would be to defeat the whole purpose of the warning.

We should be as careful, as tactful, as full of wisdom, as was Jesus. But in order to be like Him, we must come to Him with our pride, our self-sufficiency, our superior attitude and fall at His feet in deep humility, asking His pardon for our unkindness in dealing with those who may not have received as much gospel light as we have.

Let us never forget that in the message to come out of Babylon, God uses the term "my people." Therefore, we have no right to infer that people of another faith are not God's people. The most severe warning of the Bible indicates that people of other faiths may be "my people." When you and I visit with people of other religious faiths, let us never even

think, much less infer, that they are not God's people, as individuals.

Some time ago I read of a public gathering in a large auditorium. During the program some of the men back stage detected a fire. Their first thought was that they must save the people in that auditorium. But how were they going to do it?

We will say that two men, Mr. Black and Mr. White, are discussing how to warn the people. Mr. Black says, "I will tell you what I think we should do. I believe I should stalk out on the stage, brush the master of ceremonies to one side without apology, since time is short, and shout, 'Fire! Fire! This building is on fire! Escape for your lives! And never say I didn't warn you!' I think that is what I had better do." "No," says Mr. White, "I don't believe that would work. I have a better way. Let me show you." So Mr. White steps out on the stage and begs pardon of the master of ceremonies for interrupting the gathering. Then he pulls out his watch and says to the people, "The laws of our city require that at certain times we have fire drills, so that we may know the procedure in case of an emergency and this is one of those appointed times." And it would be, wouldn't it? "Listen closely as I give you the orders to be followed in vacating this auditorium. The elderly ladies will go first, then the mothers with small children. Then will follow the older children and the old men. The younger men and women will follow. Each will use the fire exit nearest him.

Now let us see," he continues, "if we can vacate this auditorium in about two minutes." Mr. White's directions were followed. Everyone was saved. Had Mr. Black's method been used, pandemonium would have resulted, with the possibility of many being trampled underfoot in the wild effort to escape.

Had you been in that situation, which method would you have employed? I am sure I can hear you saying, "Why, Mr. White's method, of course!"

Let us use as much wisdom and tact where eternal life is at stake. What do you say? The very foundation of the law of God's government is love (Matt. 22: 36 - 40). But love cannot operate without the power of choice.

Each soul must make his own decision, based on the dictates of his own conscience. Therefore, anything that savors of criticism, denunciation or belittling in order to bring about the decision we desire, is a form of force. It is therefore unchristian.

How then can we help a person to come to a decision for Christ? Only by using Christ's methods. "His blessings He presents in the most alluring terms. He is not merely content to announce these blessings. He presents them in the most attractive way to excite a desire to possess them." (DA, pg. 826)

Only as we "excite a desire" to possess Christ can we expect souls to decide for Him. By picturing Him as the one "altogether lovely," we "excite a...

...desire to possess" Him. By showing the advantages of the gospel, we "excite a desire to possess" it. By making the truth attractive, we "excite a desire to possess" it. There is no other rule by which we have a right to represent Christ or His gospel.

Controversy is out. Condemnation has no place in soul winning. Denunciation is foreign to the method by which Christ won the sinful, the wanderers, the lost, to Himself.

Christ reveals His methods

when He states, "I will allure her." That sounds like the father of the prodigal. He met his wayward son while he was yet a great way off. He kissed that unkempt face. He cleaned up that filthy body and in exchange for his rags, placed on him the best robe. He put new shoes on his feet. He slew the fatted calf. He rejoiced over him with singing and made merry. That is God! God knows how to attract the sinner.

The Scriptures declare that God does more than instruct -

He reconciles. "When we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son." (Rom. 5: 10) Wonderful alluring power of the gospel! Ours is a ministry, not of denunciation or condemnation, but of reconciliation. "God, hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation." (2 Cor. 5: 18)

"If Christ be in us the hope of glory, we shall discover such matchless charms in Him that the soul will be enamored."

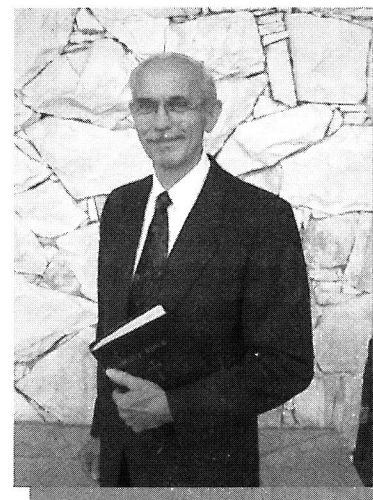
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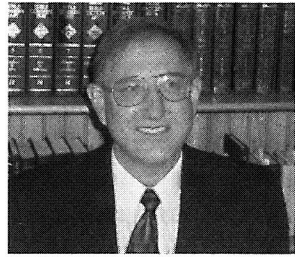
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# The Curse of Doubt

Part One

By Dr. Walter J. Veith

By allowing the seed of doubt to take root in the mind, untold millions have been poisoned by its curse. The consequences are to be seen in both the secular and religious world, where new theories and religions continue to spring forth at an ever increasing rate. Thus, confusion and chaos are the indelible results. The doctrines and traditions of men have been placed above scripture, and the majority of the Protestant churches of today have become the "hold of every foul spirit".

*"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, 'Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.' And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, 'Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.'" Rev. 18:1-5*

Babylon is said to be the 'mother of harlots.' By her daughters must be symbolized churches that cling to her doctrines and traditions, and follow her example of

sacrificing the truth and the approval of God, in order to form an unlawful alliance with the world. The message of Revelation 14, announcing the fall of Babylon must apply to religious bodies that were once pure and have become corrupt. Since this message follows the warning of the judgment, it must be given in the last days; therefore it cannot refer to the Roman Church alone, for that church has been in a fallen condition for many centuries. Furthermore, in the

## "Doubt turns into scoffing and scoffers tread upon the sacred ground..."

eighteenth chapter of the Revelation the people of God are called upon to come out of Babylon. According to this scripture, many of God's people must still be in Babylon. And in what religious bodies are the greater part of the followers of Christ now to be found? Without doubt, in the various churches professing the Protestant faith. At the time of their rise these churches took a noble stand for God and the truth, and His blessing was with them. Even the unbelieving world was constrained to acknowledge the beneficent results that followed an acceptance of the principles of the gospel. In the words of the prophet to Israel:

*"Thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it was perfect through My comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord God. Thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown." Ezekiel 16:14,15*

*"But they fell by the same desire which was the curse and ruin of Israel--the desire of imitating the practices and courting the friendship of the ungodly.. {GC 382.3} 'And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.'" Rev.18:1*

Higher criticism took its toll, doubts were cast upon the Scriptures and the seed grew into a mighty plant that encompassed the world. The damage is to be found in the enlightened world, this is where the war rages for the minds of men. The battle rages in the Bible lands - it is the Word that is under attack, not torches that give no light. Many nations live in abject poverty and misery, devoid of hope and light, and in some ways they are better off than those who have been destroyed by the cancer of doubt.

Doubt turns into scoffing and scoffers tread upon the sacred ground with no regard...

...for the fragile seedlings that spring forth.

*"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." 2 Peter 3-7*

Thousands have gone to their ruin, through the influence of sceptics, infidels and philosophers, which taint the hearts and minds of men with the poisonous atmosphere of doubt. Satan works through such means to carry out his purposes of ruining souls. Theology professors, and men in high positions who doubt the truths contained in God's Word, have all cast their toxic influences throughout the religious world.

*"But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." Math.18:6*

An example of such erroneous teachings is presented here in the book, 2003, Die Belofte van Sy Wederkoms, by Theology Professor Dr. Lemmer:

*"The Old Covenant was annulled with the betrayal of*

Judas." P. 158

*"Those who still try to keep the law are not spiritually of age and have not yet received the Holy Spirit. If the law is still read these days, it must be for people that are not of age, that is for unbelievers. This is the only sense in which the law is still applicable today. Believers live through the Spirit and are not under the law." (Gal. 5:25)*

*"... Believers that try to keep the law are in slavery, but believers that live in the fullness of the New Covenant are free. Therefore it is dangerous for believers in the church period to be associated with the law. Churches that read the ten commandments on Sundays in the assembly bring their members under the impression that they are still under the law and that they must try to keep the law ... Christians who today try to keep the ten commandments hinder the work of the Holy Spirit and undermine the pure essence of the New Covenant." P. 162*

Those who truly search the scriptures and understand God's Word, will not be led astray by such blatant falsehood, for the Bible is the only rule of faith. Unfortunately, the majority of people today look to man for their belief system, instead of to God. We know that in His Word, God has clearly outlined His law, and we will be judged by that law. There is not an ounce of Biblical support to condone the law being done away with, for this is yet another toxic poison emanating from Satan, the father of lies.

*"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev.14:12*

*"And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Math 24:11-14*

*"He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." 1 John 2:4*

*"Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." 1 John 3:21,22*

*"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Matt. 5:17,18*

*"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Rev. 22:14*

In a world where truth is being attacked and undermined on every side, let us remain firmly rooted and grounded on Bible truth, and stand for the right though the heavens fall.

*End of Part One*

# Spiritual Lessons *from the* Physical Body

By Dr. Rudy Davis, N.D., MT.

## Use It Or Lose It!

Have you ever heard the term, *muscular atrophy*? This is a wasting away of muscles which is a result of disuse or of denervation (disrupted or cut nerve supply to the muscle).

Disuse atrophy occurs because the number of nerve impulses to a certain muscle or muscles has been greatly reduced, as in the case of those who are bedridden or those with a cast. Individual muscle fibers begin to decrease in size because of progressive loss of myofibrils (contractile elements of skeletal muscle). In about 6 months to 2 years, the muscle will be about one-quarter of its original size, and the muscle fibers will be replaced by fibrous connective tissue. Once the transition to connective tissue is complete, it cannot be reversed.

The Bible tells us that after the creation of man, in his perfect state, "... the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." *Genesis 2:15*

**"Though rich in all that the Owner of the universe could supply, they were not to be idle. Useful occupation was appointed them as a blessing, to strengthen the body, to expand the mind, and to develop the character."** *Education p. 21*

**"If the muscles are allowed to remain unused, it will soon be apparent that the blood does not sufficiently nourish them. Instead of increasing in size and strength, they will lose their firmness and elasticity, and become soft and weak. Inactivity is not the law the Lord has established in the human body. The harmonious action of all the parts,-- brain, bone, and muscle,-- is necessary to the full and healthful development of the entire human organism."** *Fundamentals of Christian Education p. 426*

Our bodies contain nearly 700 individual voluntarily controlled muscles. Most of these muscles have important functions in producing movements of body parts. As we have seen, disuse of muscles over time, will inevitably produce reduced mobility. But what is true in the physical world, also has a counterpart in the spiritual.

**"Let a strong man be shut away from labor, and he becomes feeble. That church or those persons who shut themselves away from bearing burdens for others, who shut themselves up to themselves, will soon suffer spiritual feebleness. It is labor that keeps the strong man strong. And spiritual labor, toil, and burden-bearing, is what will give strength to the church of Christ."** *Testimonies, vol. 2, p. 22.*

If we want to be strong in our walk with the Lord; if we want to be strong in our family, our church, our community we must exercise our spiritual muscles. As we enter the final moments of this earth's history, we need to increase our spiritual exercise to strengthen ourselves for the battle which lies just ahead. We need to engage in the exercise of prayer, personal and intercessory. We need to exercise our benevolence for soon the time will come when it will be too late to invest in the cause of Christ. We need to exercise God-given gifts of hospitality, organization, music, physical strength etc. to help give the final message of mercy to this world.

Man is physical and spiritual, and both need to be properly exercised in order to avoid atrophy and develop symmetry.

*"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."* 1 Thessalonians 5:23

# Getting A Good Start

By Connie Kiefiuk

Just as a man would want all the parts of his automobile to be in good working order to take him on a long journey, so are we to keep our bodies in a healthy condition, so that all parts of our living machinery can work harmoniously through many years. Health is the most precious of all temporal possessions and God has given us laws of nature - which are the laws of God - to promote our well-being and happiness, and to do fitful service for Him.

God knows what foods are best for us and in His original plan, grains, fruits and nuts constituted the diet chosen for us by Him. He said "I have given you every herb yielding seed,... and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for food." After the curse of sin, man received permission to eat also the "herb of the field", or vegetables.

How, what and when we eat are all of particular importance to God. One of the most terrible abuses of the stomach is eating irregularly and between meals because the stomach is a muscle organ that must have its regular periods for labor and rest. It is a habit for most people to eat a very sparing breakfast and a large dinner later in the evening, not to mention snacks in between. The very opposite would be the most beneficial to people's health. Breakfast should be the heartiest meal of the day. It would not be logical to get into your automobile to start a long journey and fill it with fuel at the journey's end - it needs to be serviced and "fed with fuel" at the beginning. Just so is this compared to the human body.

At breakfast time the stomach is in a better condition to digest more food than at the second or third meal of the day because it is literally breaking a fast - an overnight fast, hence "breakfast". Various scientific studies show conclusively that eating an adequate breakfast better sustains the body to do more work during the entire day with less tiredness and more energy, less fatigue and better mental attainments. So make breakfast your heartiest meal, supplying at least 1/3 of the day's calories and nutrients. This may be done by eating whole grain cereals, healthy waffles, and breads; soy or nut milk products, nuts or nut butters and delicious fresh or dried fruits.

A good way to eat grains is to cook them "whole" - that is, using the whole unadulterated grain.

## Whole Grain Cereal

1 cup rinsed grain (combination of wheat, oats, millet, rye, barley, etc)

3 1/2 cups water

salt to taste (approx 1/4 tsp)

Place all ingredients in a crock pot in the evening and plug in. Cook on low and cereal will be ready to eat at breakfast!

Here is a wonderful, full-proof recipe for healthy waffles:

## Oat Waffles

3 cups rolled oats 1 cup cornmeal

1/2 cup walnuts 1 scant tsp. salt

4 cups water 3 tbsp apple juice concentrate (or fruit juice)

Blend all ingredients well in a blender. Preheat waffle iron and spray with cooking spray (if required). When hot, you may sprinkle the grill with sesame seeds. Pour in batter and sprinkle with more seeds. Bake approximately 10 minutes (depending on your waffle iron. The sesame seeds add a nice crunch as well as help the waffles release from the iron. The apple juice will help them brown. Serve with fresh fruits or fruit sauce.

A hearty breakfast, taken early in the morning, can give you the energy for brain and muscle tissue required for the day. It will guard against the bad habit of snacking in between meals and will amply sustain mental and physical labor until the next meal, which should be at least five hours later. This will allow time for the stomach to perform its work completely and be in a condition to receive more food. Remember, the old adage "breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince, and supper like a pauper, is the best advice for a healthy daily routine of eating. We are to be workers together with God for the restoration of health to the body as well as to the soul. *"Whatsoever ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God"*.



# Torture in Heaven

By John Triplett



Torture. Have you noticed that torture has been brought to the attention of Americans lately? Ten years ago, we only read about torture in school textbooks as an archaic, morbid, sadistic way to get a recantation from someone about their faith, but today torture is making a comeback. Of course, it only applies to terrorists, those who threaten America. And besides, if they talk bad about America, they deserve torture, right? Be very careful how you answer that question, because if you want to stand for Jesus at the end of time, you will be preaching about how America is speaking as a dragon. Certainly, that will be considered as a terrorist act. Even now, it is considered that to witness about Jesus Christ to others is an act of violence, because it violates that persons human rights. So sometime in the near future, you and I by the grace of God, will be looked upon with more vehement hatred and opposition than Al-Zarqawi and Al-Queda. You see the gospel has never been a popular message, and the present truth has never been popular either. In the days of Noah the present truth was not popular, when he was preaching about the destruction of the world by water. And in our day preaching the Three Angels' message is going to be less popular. You see most people do not like being told that they need a savior. They don't like being told that their body is

the temple of the Holy Spirit, and that it is important how we treat our bodies. They don't like being told that we are living in God's judgment hour, and that we need to search our hearts, and be totally right with God. They don't like being told that the great majority of religious systems have fallen and have become the habitation of devils and hold of every unclean bird. And they don't like being told that Sunday Worship is not based upon the Bible, but solely a dictate and command of the

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Roman Catholic Church. Indeed, the message that we as a people have to bear, is more pointed than that of John the Baptist.

But this article is not about the torture debate going on in America. We will examine the torture debate in heaven.

I want you to close your eyes for a moment. I am going to write a word, and I want you to think about what comes to your mind. The word is enjoyment. What is it in life that you enjoy? The root word of enjoy is what? JOY!

Now that we have laid that

groundwork, what do Christians enjoy? Do Christians enjoy Church? Do Christians enjoy the Sabbath? Do Christians enjoy prayer meeting? Do Christians enjoy talking about spiritual things?

You see brothers and sisters there is a vast difference between enjoying something and tolerating something. Some of us tolerate church. We don't want to come, but we have to come.

I can remember as a small child, my family went a few times to a Baptist Church, and I absolutely hated Church. I wanted to get home so I could watch Brent Musburger and Irv Cross on NFL Today. I tolerated church. I was not a Christian. Just because I broke the plain of the church door, that did not make me a Christian. What is a Christian? A Christian is one who enjoys the things of God. Sure, he or she will make mistakes along the way, but they will recognize their sin, confess it to God, and continue walking on the pilgrim pathway.

Some of us are Sabbath lookouts! What is a Sabbath lookout? A Sabbath lookout is someone who is watching with great earnestness either the horizon, or the clock, and as soon as the sun goes down, we start to enjoy our life again!!! Is this a Christian life? Do you think that this is God's ideal?...

Do you think that this is what God had in mind when he called the Sabbath a delight??? A thousand times no!!! If this is our experience it should tell us that our hearts are not right. You see many of us are cultural Christians, because we are living off of Mom and Dad's experience. We have never experienced God for ourselves. And although we are in Church and sit and sing, and we even say the right things on Sabbath to people, if something should happen to us in this condition and we would die, we would be lost.

Notice this statement from Steps to Christ...

"In his sinless state, man held joyful communion with Him "in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Colossians 2:3. But after his sin, he could no longer find joy in holiness, and he sought to hide from the presence of God. Such is still the condition of the un-renewed heart. It is not in harmony with God, and finds no joy in communion with Him. The sinner could not be happy in God's presence; he would shrink from the companionship of holy beings. Could he be permitted to enter heaven, it would have no joy for him. The spirit of unselfish love that reigns there --every heart responding to the heart of Infinite Love --would touch no answering chord in his soul. His thoughts, his interests, his motives, would be alien to those that actuate the sinless dwellers there. He would be a discordant note in the melody of heaven. Heaven would be to him a place of torture; he would long to be hidden from Him who is its light, and the center of its joy. It is no arbitrary

decree on the part of God that excludes the wicked from heaven; they are shut out by their own unfitness for its companionship. The glory of God would be to them a consuming fire. They would welcome destruction, that they might be hidden from the face of Him who died to redeem them." {SC 17.2}

If you are planning to dwell in heaven with God, the angels, and the redeemed for eternity, do you think that you would be

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happy there if you are watching the clock for the Sabbath to end? No! Heaven would be a place of torture for you! And the only loving thing that God could do would be to destroy you.

## Heaven Begins on Earth

Notice this next statement from the pen of inspiration...

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matt. 11:28. {FLB 367.1} Heaven is to begin on this earth. {FLB 367.2} Those who take Christ at His word, and surrender their souls to His keeping, their lives to His ordering, will find peace and quietude. Nothing of the world can make them sad when Jesus makes them glad by His presence. In perfect acquiescence there is perfect rest. The Lord says, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Isa. 26:3. Our

lives may seem a tangle; but as we commit ourselves to the wise Master Worker, He will bring out the pattern of life and character that will be to His own glory. And that character which expresses the glory--character --of Christ will be received into the Paradise of God. A renovated race shall walk with Him in white, for they are worthy." {FLB 367.3}

"As through Jesus we enter into rest, heaven begins here. We respond to His invitation. Come, learn of Me, and in thus coming we begin the life eternal. Heaven is a ceaseless approaching to God through Christ. The longer we are in the heaven of bliss, the more and still more of glory will be opened to us; and the more we know of God, the more intense will be our happiness." {FLB 367.4}

"When the Lord's people are filled with meekness and tenderness, they will realize that His banner over them is love, and His fruit will be sweet to their taste. They will make a heaven below in which to prepare for heaven above." {FLB 367.5}

As we walk with Jesus in this life, we may be filled with His love, satisfied with His presence. All that human nature can bear, we may receive here. But what is this compared with the hereafter? There "are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them..."

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## Torture in Heaven cont...

...unto living fountains of waters." Rev. 7:15-17.

Consider the following verses about how a spirit filled Christian should relate to spiritual things...

"And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking *thine own* words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it." Isaiah 58:12-14

The Sabbath is a dress rehearsal for heaven. If we enjoy the Sabbath today, we will enjoy eternity tomorrow.

"I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." Ps. 40:8

"I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word. Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counselors. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved. Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law. Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is

my delight. I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law is my delight." Psalm 119:16, 24, 35, 47, 70, 77, 174

"Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I *am* the LORD that sanctify them.... And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I *am* the LORD your God." Ezekial 20:12, 20

The Sabbath is a sign or the mark of God. The Sabbath is a sign or seal on how God is sanctifying us.

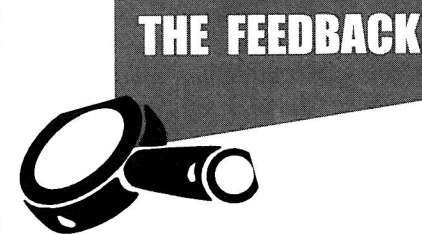
Do you delight in spiritual things? Do you hunger and thirst after righteousness? Do you long to wake up in the morning to spend time with Jesus? He longs to spend time with you.

Some people say that the message that this church has is not a relevant message. I would like to say that it is the most relevant message in the world, and as the seconds of this world tick forward, it will only become more relevant!

Would you like to say with me, "Oh Lord, give me a heart and mind that loves spiritual things. Give me a thirst and a hunger for your word that will not be satisfied. And trouble me by your Holy Spirit to be burdened for the lost." Because we are living in a land of the living dead, people all around us are going to die eternally, and you and I have the serum of immortality; The Three Angels' Message. It's not about what Rick Warren has to say, but what God's word has to say. ☞

## TENNESSEE...

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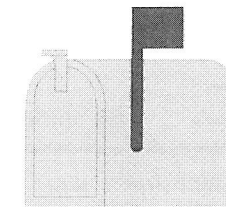
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"All of them....It's good to know what's going on around you, so decisions can be made with a clearer view." W.

"Secret Societies, Islam, and Mary Worship" F.P.

"Islam Connection" N.P.

"They are all good, because they all clearly show the war raging fiercely." E.R.



## From the Mailbox



My family and I attended the 'Total Onslaught' series up in Penticton, Canada, where we learned of Amazing Discoveries.

I would like to thank you for all you guys do, it has helped my family understand things better. It even helps when we get door to door evangelists from other religions.

I am currently writing a report about Evolution Vs. Creation, in which I am presenting the view of a Creationist. Another person is presenting the Evolution side of the story. I have read all your online articles and have seen almost all of your Evolution and Creation seminars. Thank you.

C.

My name is Costica Costa and I have been a Christian now for seventeen years. I know a lot of Adventists here in Australia and in Europe, and I have to agree with some of the things you present on world events. But when it comes to the Word of God, what can I say, you are missing the truth.

For instance, the teaching which you present in 'Total Onslaught' DVD#32 regarding 1844; In Daniel 8:14 it's days and not years according to verse 26. Read the word in the Hebrew. (NR. 6153-1242)....

....Please study HB, chapter 9. We have access in the Holiest of Holies for the last 2000 years through the body of Christ. Please guys get your facts right.

C.C.

I wish to express our deep appreciation for all the work you are doing - especially with the "Total Onslaught" series.

As a remnant church, we (SDA's) are to become more aware of the deceptions around us, and tragically among us as well. Deception in any form, will prove a people's destruction. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Hosea 4:6.

Please keep the faith, and keep pressing forward!!! Please express our thanks to Dr. Veith for coming to Chattanooga earlier this year, and to keep an eye "single to the glory of God"! Your work is being heard and received!!

L&N. P.

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



## Prophecy Lectures 2006 Update from Penticton, B.C.

By Shirley Kiefiuk

*"Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you." (John 12:35). We know not how much longer we will have the freedom to do public evangelism in this old world. "The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity, she will have to do in a terrible crisis, under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances." (Testimonies V. 5, p.463)*

Together with Amazing Discoveries, The Three Angels Seventh-day Adventist Church in Penticton, B.C. held a 26 night series from January 20th to February 24th, 2006, with Evangelist/Pastor Victor Gill. The Conference Centre of the Days Inn was the venue. The devil didn't want these meetings to take place as on opening night, the equipment failed. The computers wouldn't work with Pastor Gill's power point presentation and the recording equipment failed as well. Then as people started to come to the meetings, only about 12 visitors came, even though about 20,000 brochures were mailed out, and much ground work had been done in advance. Satan tried very hard to discourage us. But the Lord is greater, and Pastor Gill preached with Holy Spirit power using only the Bible. What a blessing that opening night proved to be! It made a very good impression on a number of people who commented about it later.

As the meetings continued, we averaged a nightly attendance of about 40-50, with a continued non-member count of around 10. It was very encouraging to watch the people intrigued with message after message, as the solid Seventh-day Adventist doctrines were presented. The messages were straight and pointed, but Pastor Gill shared them with a humble spirit. The name of Jesus was held up night after night, and the people kept coming back with a desire to learn more truth.



Following the conclusion of the meetings, a week was spent conducting baptismal classes with interested individuals. The living room of Mark and Shirley Kiefiuk's home was filled each evening with precious souls seeking to learn

more truths, as well as confirming the truths that had been previously presented during the lectures. As these individuals heard the voice of God, they took their stand on the Lord's side, and on the Sabbath of March 4th, 2006, 7 precious souls were added to God's remnant church. More baptisms are being planned for the spring.

Are we willing to take a stand on the side of the Lord's chosen few, regardless of what the majority are doing? Are we truly willing to obey God rather than man? Praise God for all things! ❧



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