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Celebrating **20 years** of Amazing Discoveries



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It is always a good idea to pause and remember the Lord's mercies, and to examine how God has led us in the past. In fact, Ellen White warns us "we have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us..." -LS 196 (1902).

In 2013, Amazing Discoveries is going to do exactly that – pause to remember the Lord's leading and blessings, and raise up a spiritual Ebenezer marking how God has led us for the past 20 years. In ancient Israel, an Ebenezer was a stone memorial raised to commemorate the Lord's help in their progress ("hitherto hath the

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Our aim is to urge men and women to stand for truth and resist error. We pray that in times of serious compromise our ministry will equip you with solid information on current end-time issues and trends, and encourage you to live a life apart from worldly influences.

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Lord helped us”), and 2013 is an opportunity for Amazing Discoveries to take note of the Lord’s blessings as it marks Amazing Discoveries’ 20th anniversary. To celebrate, we’ll be sharing stories of how God has shown His goodness in these ways:

Message



We believe that God has entrusted us with the Three Angels’ Message to spread to a world in great deception! It is a solemn and worthy calling and we recognize the honour entrusted to not only us, but to all God’s people living in these last days. It is a privilege to be permitted to share this important message and to provide truth to the many souls ensnared in Satan’s lies. We continue to pray for God to enable this message to reach further and further.

Calling



It was 20 years ago when the Goubej family said, “We have to do something more than just attend church on Sabbath.” They asked the Lord to use their gifts, despite their limitations, and to show how they should serve. Soon after, they met Walter Veith, and God has kept their flame of passion for evangelism strong ever since. It has become a life calling, and the blessings of being in service for the Lord are precious.

Evangelism



We marvel at the 20 years of amazing ventures God has sent us on. Through the many evangelistic and revival series that have been led by our speakers, we have learned patience, endurance and trust in God, and have seen Him lead people to Himself. Pastor Victor Gill and his wife Nettie continue to faithfully lead missions in India and the Ukraine, but there is still so much help needed! “As long as God gives me the strength, I will go again,” says Pastor Gill. Will you join him?

Blessings



Amazing Discoveries can only succeed because of God’s countless blessings. Since His faithfulness during the very first lecture in 1993, to the donor last year who covered a year’s cost of satellite broadcasting in Australia, God has shown us His goodness and continues to be our Provision and Guide.

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Productions



We are so blessed to have our amazing speakers who lend their voices and gifts of teaching to help us send God’s powerful message across the globe. Because of the urgency of these last days, we’ve increased the number of recordings and series that are released each year on DVDs and aired non-stop via satellite.

Community



The work of Amazing Discoveries would not exist without its dedicated staff. We thank the Lord for their willingness to lend their hands, heads, and hearts, and let God use them as His instruments with enthusiasm in order to reach more people with the Gospel.

Fruit



Our two decades of working the soil have been rewarded by a harvest of souls coming to Christ, and countless others making life-reforming decisions. We are blessed to see many of our listeners and friends discovering physical and spiritual health through this ministry.

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Excerpted from
Truth Triumphant
by B. G. Wilkinson, Ph.D.

Patrick,

Organizer of the Church in the Wilderness in Ireland

The heroic figure of Patrick, taken captive as a boy into slavery, stands out as a creator of civilization. He was not only an architect of European society and the father of Irish Christianity, but he raised up a standard against spiritual wolves entering the fold in sheep's clothing. So much legend and fiction has been writ-

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ten about him that one is almost led to believe that there were two individuals – the real Patrick and the fictitious Patrick. The statement may come as a surprise to many, yet it is a fact that the actual Patrick belonged to the Church in the Wilderness. He should not be placed where historians seem determined to assign him. The facts presented in the following pages will no doubt be a revelation to many, who, misled by wrong representations, have not realized of what church Patrick was a child and apostle. As will be shown later, he was of that early church which was brought to Ireland from Syria. He was in no way connected with the type of Christianity which developed in Italy and which was ever at war with the church organized by Patrick.

Patrick belongs to the Celtic race, of which the Britons of England, as well as the Scotch and Irish, are a part. The vivacity of the Celtic temperament is equaled by noble courage under danger and by a deep love for learning. The Celts, like the Germans, possess a profound religious fervor which makes them devoted to the faith of their choice. This race once extended all the way from Scythia to Ireland. The Celts are descended from Gomer, the grandson of Noah, from whom they obtained, through the centuries, the name of the Cimmerians. In fact, the Welsh today call themselves Cymry.

Three countries, Britain, Ireland, and France, are claimed by different writers to be the fatherland of Patrick. The weight of evidence plainly indicates that his birthplace was in that kingdom of Strathclyde, inhabited and controlled by the ancient Britons, which lay immediately northwest of England. Rome had divided the island into five provinces, and, in addition, recognized the Strathclyde kingdom. It was then customary to speak of these divisions as "the Britains." To ten of the superior cities in these Britains, the Roman senate had extended the right of citizenship. As his parents resided in one of these ten cities, Patrick in all probability, like Paul, was born a Roman citizen. He was born about A.D. 360. [. . .]

At the age of sixteen, Patrick was carried captive to Ireland by freebooters who evidently had sailed up the Clyde River or landed on the near-by coast . . .

Patrick, like his Master of Galilee, was to learn obedience through suffering. A great task awaited him. The apostolic church had won a comparatively easy victory in her struggle with a pagan world for three centuries. But an impossible task awaited her when a compromising Christianity, enforcing its doctrines at the point of the sword, had become the state religion of the Roman Empire. It was an hour when a new line of leaders was needed. As the struggle of free churches to live their lives without the domination of a state clergy began, God was training Patrick. . .

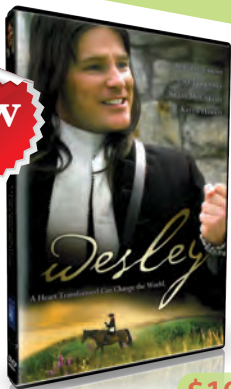
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Christianity in Ireland before Patrick

Celtic Christianity embraced more than Irish and British Christianity. There was a Gallic (French) Celtic Christianity and a Galatian Celtic Christianity, as well as a British Celtic Christianity. So great were the migrations of people in ancient times that not only the Greeks, but also the Assyrians



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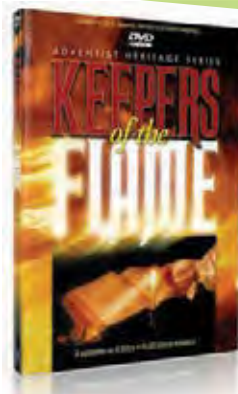


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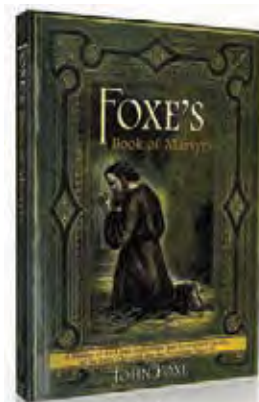


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To God be the Glory ...for His Fruit



Last summer, God was nudging me to share some of Amazing Discoveries' DVDs with a couple I am friends with who go to a Lutheran church. I began giving them the presentations on Luther and the Reformers. They were quickly interested and wanted to go deeper. The wife mentioned her husband doesn't read much but he couldn't put down Ellen White's *The Great Controversy*. I began sharing more DVDs with them and they became very passionate about the spiritual and health messages put out by AD. They have become interested in the vegetarian diet and are attending the Seventh-day Adventist church. The husband is excited to witness and share this material with others in our small town in Alberta, Canada, which is largely Catholic. Praise the Lord for how He is working in the lives of these friends and may He continue to share His truth with others in our town. - JG

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settled in large numbers in the land now called France. Thus for almost a thousand years after Christ there was in southern France a strong Greek and Oriental population. As late as 600, there were people in France who spoke the language of Assyria.

Surely no one could claim that the branch of Celtic Christianity in Asia Minor, whose churches arose as the result of the labors of the apostle Paul, received their gospel from the bishop of Rome. On the other hand, it is evident that Gaul received her knowledge of the gospel from missionaries who traveled from Asia Minor. It was the Celtic, or Galatian type of the New Testament church which evangelized Great Britain . . .

The Roman Catholic Church throughout the centuries was able to secure a large following in France; but until after the French Revolution she never succeeded in eliminating the spirit of independence in the French hierarchy. This is due largely to the background of the Celtic race . . .

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Patrick's Work in Ireland

Two centuries elapsed after Patrick's death before any writer attempted to connect Patrick's work with a papal commission. No pope ever mentioned him, neither is there anything in the ecclesiastical records of Rome concerning him. Nevertheless, by examining the two writings which he left, historical statements are found which locate quite definitely the period in which he labored.

When Patrick speaks of the island from which he was carried captive, he calls it "the Britains." This was the title given the island by the Romans many years before they left it. After the Goths sacked the city of Rome in 410, the imperial legions were recalled from England in order to protect territory nearer home. Upon their departure, savage invaders from the north and from the Continent, sweeping in upon the island, devastated it and erased its diversified features, so that it could no longer be called "the Britains." Following the withdrawal of the Roman legions in 410, the title "the Britains" ceased to be used. Therefore from this evidence it would seem logical to reach that conclusion that Patrick wrote his letters and documents before that date . . . Patrick began his ministry in Ireland about 390.

What Patrick did between the time of his escape from slavery in Ireland and his return as a missionary to that land is not known. Every effort has been made by papal writers to place him, in this interval, at Rome. On one such fictitious visit it is said that Patrick with the help of an angel performed the questionable feat of stealing

many relics from the pope among which was supposed to have been the bloodstained towel of our Saviour and some hair from the Virgin Mary.

The words of Patrick himself reveal his unrest of soul after his escape from slavery until he submitted to the call of God to proclaim the news of salvation to the Irish. He had continually heard voices from the woods of Hibernia, begging him, as did the man in the night vision of Paul, "Come over, . . . and help us." Neither the tears of his parents nor the reasonings of his friends could restrain him. He determined, whatever the cost, to turn his back upon the allurements of home and friends and to give his life for the Emerald Isle.

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His Authority – The Bible

Patrick preached the Bible. He appealed to it as the sole authority for founding the Irish Church. He gave credit to no other worldly authority; he recited no creed . . . The training centers he founded, which later grew into colleges



and large universities, were all Bible schools. Famous students of these schools—Columba, who brought Scotland to Christ, Aidan, who won pagan England to the gospel, and Columbanus with his successors, who brought Christianity to Germany, France, Switzerland, and Italy—took the Bible as their only authority, and founded renowned Bible training centers for the Christian believers. [. .]

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Patrick, like his example, Jesus, put the words of Scripture above the teachings of men. He differed from the papacy, which puts church tradition above the Bible. In his writings he nowhere appeals to the church at Rome for the authorization of his mission. Whenever he speaks in defense of his mission, he refers to God alone, and declares that he received his call direct from heaven.

Wherever this Christian leader sowed, he also reaped. Ireland was set on fire for God by the fervor of Patrick's missionary spirit . . . Patrick believed that Christianity should be founded with the home and the family as its strength. Too often the Christian organizations of that age were centered in celibacy. This was not true of the Irish Church and its Celtic daughters in Great Britain, Scotland, and on the Continent. The Celtic Church, as organized and developed under Patrick, permitted its clergy to marry.

The absence of celibacy in the Celtic Church gives added proof to the fact that the believers had no connection with the church at Rome . . .

One of the strongest proofs that Patrick did not belong to papal Christianity is found in the historical fact that for centuries Rome made every effort to destroy the church Patrick had founded. Jules Michelet writes of Boniface, who was the pope's apostle to the

Germans about two hundred years after Patrick: "His chief hatred is to the Scots [the name equally given to the Scotch and Irish], and he especially condemns their allowing priests to marry."

Patrick sought two goals in his effort to make truth triumphant. First, he sought the conversion of those among whom he had been a slave, and, secondly, he longed to capture Tara, the central capital of Ireland, for Christ. Therefore he proceeded immediately to County Antrim in the northwest, where he had endured slavery. While he failed to win his former slave master, he was successful in converting the master's household. This threw open a door to further missionary labors not only to this region but also across the adjacent waters into near-by Scotland . . . By faithful efforts [Patrick] placed the banner of Christianity in the political center of the national life.

He did not enter the capital because he felt that God's work needed the help of the state. Patrick rejected the union of church and state. More than one hundred years had passed since the first world council at Nicaea had united the church with the empire. Patrick rejected this model. He followed the lesson taught in John's Gospel when Christ refused to be made a king. Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world." [. .]

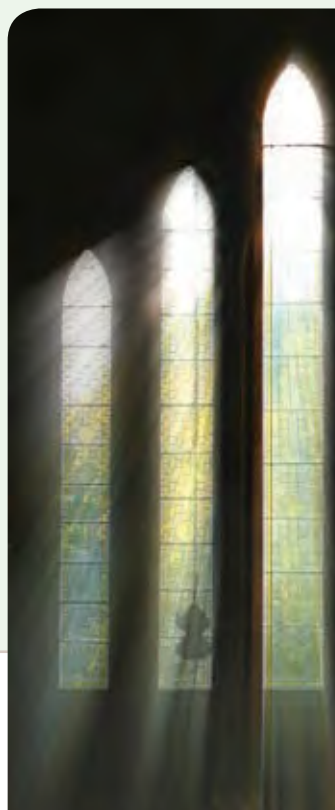
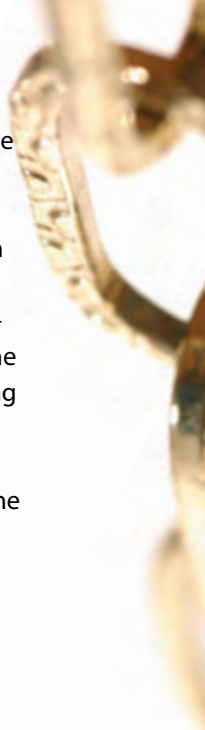
The Fictitious Patrick

Many miracles have been ascribed to Patrick by the traditional stories which grew up. Two or three will suffice to show the difference between the miraculous hero of the fanatical fiction and the real Patrick. The Celtic Patrick reached Ireland in an ordinary way. The fictitious Patrick, in order to provide passage for a leper when there was no place on the boat, threw his portable stone altar into the sea. The stone did not go to the bottom, nor was it outdistanced by the boat, but it floated around the boat with the leper on it until it reached Ireland. [. .]

The Character of Patrick

Patrick, while manifesting all the graces of an apostolic character, also possessed the sterner virtues. Like Moses, he was one of the humblest of men. He revealed that steadfastness of purpose required to accomplish a great task. His splendid ability to organize and execute his Christian enterprise revealed his successful ability to lead. He was frank and honest. He drew men to him, and he was surrounded by a band of men whose hearts God had touched. Such a leader was needed to revive the flickering flames of New Testament faith in the West, to raise up old foundations, and to lay the groundwork for a mighty Christian future.

To guide new converts, Patrick ordained overseers or bishops in charge of the local churches. Wherever he went, new churches sprang up, and to strengthen them he also founded schools. These two organizations were so closely united that some



writers have mistakenly called them monasteries. The scholarly and missionary groups created by Patrick were very different from those ascetic and celibate centers which the papacy strove to multiply. According to Sir William Betham, monastic life was considered disgraceful by the Scots and the Goths during the first four centuries of the Christian era. [. . .]

The marvelous educational system of the Celtic Church, revised and better organized by Patrick, spread successfully over Europe until the Benedictine system, favoured by the papacy and reinforced by the state, robbed the Celtic Church of its renown and sought to destroy all records of its educational system.

The Beliefs and Teachings of Patrick

In the years preceding the birth of Patrick, new and strange doctrines flooded Europe like the billows of the ocean. Gospel truths, stimulating the minds of men, had opened up so many areas of influence that counterfeiting doctrines had been brought in by designing clergy who strove for the crown while shunning the cross. Patrick was obliged to take his stand against these teachings.

The Council of Nicaea, convened in 325 by Emperor Constantine, started the religious controversy which has never ceased. Assembling under the sanction of a united church and state, that famous gathering commanded the submission of believers to new doctrines. [. . .]

One of the many reasons, no doubt, why the papacy for many years did not mention Patrick's name or his success was his position of the Irish Church respecting the decrees of Nicaea. Centuries were to pass before the papacy discovered that his merits were too firmly established to be overlooked. It labored to gather Patrick into its fold by inventing all kinds of history and fables to make him a papal hero. It surrounded with a halo of glory a certain Palladius, apparently sent by Rome to Ireland in the midst of Patrick's success. He also has been called Patrick. [. . .]

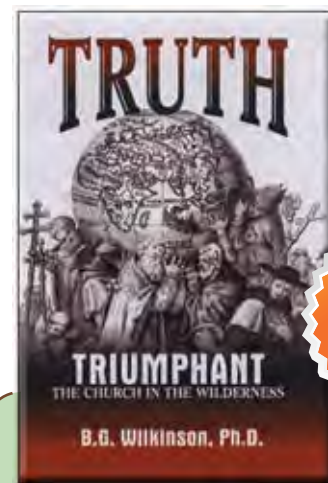
The Celtic Church upheld the sacredness of the Ten Commandments. They accepted the prophecy of Isaiah that Christ came to magnify the law and make it honorable. They preached, as Jeremiah and Paul did, that the purpose of the new covenant was to write God's law in the heart. God could be just and justify the sinner who had fled to Christ. No wonder that the Celtic, the Gothic, the Waldensian, the Armenian Churches, and the great Church of the East, as well as other bodies, differed profoundly from the papacy in its metaphysical conceptions of the Trinity and consequently in the importance of the Ten Commandments.

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. . . One of the principal causes of separation was the observance of the Sabbath . . . The Gothic, Waldensian, Armenian, and Syrian Churches, and the Church of the East, as well as the church organization which Patrick founded, largely sanctified Saturday, the seventh day of the week, as the sacred twenty-four-hour period on which God rested after creation. Many also had sacred assemblies on Sunday, even as many churches today have prayer meeting on Wednesday . . .

T. Ratcliffe Barnett writes, 'In this matter the Scots had perhaps kept up the traditional usage of the ancient Irish Church which observed Saturday instead of Sunday as the day of rest.' Also it may be stated that Columba, who converted Scotland to Christianity, taught his followers that they should practice such works of piety and chastity as they could learn from the prophetic, evangelical, and apostolic writings. This reveals how Patrick and his colleges made the Bible the origin and center of all education. ■

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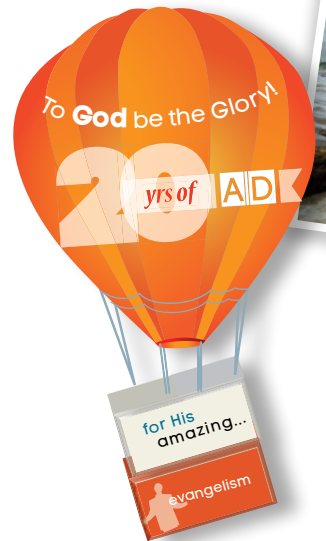
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And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." Isaiah 6:8



Mission Trip to Germany, Spain, and Ukraine (Fall 2012)

By Nettie Gill



Germany

We left Vancouver on September 5 for Frankfurt. From there we took a train to Baden-Baden located near the French-German border, and stayed with my cousin Andreas for six days, getting used to the time change and visiting with old family.

On September 12, we took the train from Baden-Baden to Bernau, a small town in the Black Forest. Bernau is a beautiful place

with many old German homes built on the side of the mountain.

We really enjoyed our time with the four families at the retreat who were very eager to hear what we had to share with them. Decisions were made at these meetings that will impact

lives for eternity. For example, a couple of families decided they needed to get out of the military and have now asked to be released. We have since had emails from one family stating that they were released in February, and a young man has decided

that he wants to get into ministry. We praise the Lord for this decision.

Nürnberg – AD Germany Office and Meetings

On September 16, we rode the train to Nürnberg where we visited the Amazing Discoveries Germany office led by Stan and Petra Sedlbauer. Victor led worship time with the staff and I helped out with some office tasks.

Our meetings in Nürnberg began on a Wednesday evening with about 40 people in attendance. A number of people commented on how much they appreciated Victor's messages. Sabbath was a very busy day with Victor preaching four sermons. That evening, all the Amazing Discoveries staff met at Stan and Petra's home for supper and worship. It was a wonderful time of inspiration that reminded us that one day we will all be able to fellowship together and never have to part.

Spain

We had two days of respite before Stan took us to the airport so we could fly to Mallorca, Spain, where we were met by our hosts Judith and Luis. They organized the meetings in the Palma, Mallorca SDA Church.

Judith and Luis have a Spanish-style home on about 20 acres of land. It was wonderful to spend time with this kind and hospitable couple.

Palma Meetings

On Friday evening, Victor had a meeting with the church members in Palma. He spoke on "Prayer Power." The church wasn't





full, but there was a good group that came together. We met the Colombian pastor who had just completed a series of meetings and was planning on having a baptism on the Sabbath in the Mediterranean Sea.

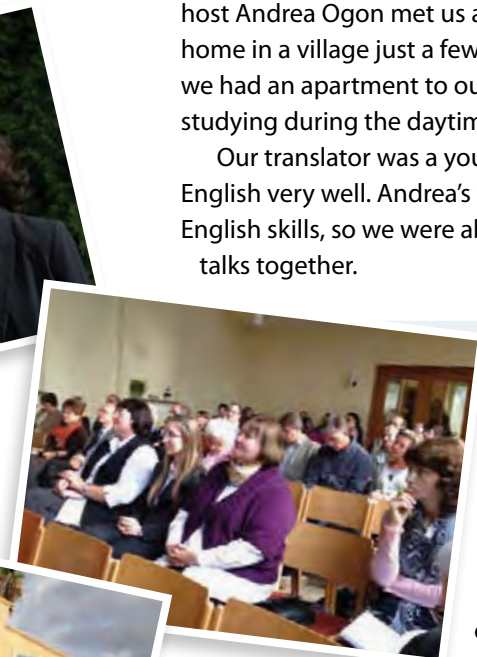
On Sabbath, Victor spoke on “Defective Consecration” and “Doing the Father’s Will” to a packed church. Then everyone went down to the seashore for

the three baptisms. The baptisms themselves were a bit dangerous as the water was really rough. Men had to help keep the pastor and the candidate steady. After the baptism, the pastor made a call and six more came forward wanting to be in the next baptism.

Back to Germany

On October 2, we left Mallorca for Bonn, Germany. Our host Andrea Ogon met us at the airport and took us to his home in a village just a few kilometers out of Bonn. Here we had an apartment to ourselves where we did a lot of studying during the daytime.

Our translator was a young man named Jon. He spoke English very well. Andrea’s wife, Dagmar, also had great English skills, so we were able to have wonderful talks together.



Bonn Meetings

We stayed in Bonn a week and Victor preached six times. Many Russian Germans come to our meetings who are very faithful to the Adventist message. In many churches, these are the people keeping the church together.

In speaking with these Russian Germans, we discovered a number of them are seriously thinking of returning to Russia. In Germany, it is almost impossible to have a home and grow your own provisions in the countryside as Ellen White advised believers to do in preparation for the end times. They said Russia has a lot of available land and it would be very simple to live in the country there.

Ukraine

We left Munich for Lviv, Ukraine on October 9 and stayed with our generous hosts Yura and Svetlana the entire time we were in Ukraine. It wasn’t long before we realized a number of repairs needed to be made in their small apartment. Vic was able to repair the tub fixture and get the toilet to flush properly. Yura and Svetlana were really thrilled with these improvements.

Lviv Meetings

The first twelve evangelistic meetings were to be held in a theatre. The building was tastefully renovated and could seat about 400 people. When we got there, we were told some nights we would not be able to have the hall as they had double-booked it. Another problem was that an election was going on in the city and there would be a rock concert on the grounds with a lot of drinking and partying. We could tell from the beginning that the devil wasn’t happy with us being there.

On our first night, October 14, we had 50 non-members in attendance and about 150 members. Vic preached on Daniel 2. It went very well and the choir that came from the Kovel Church sang beautifully.

The next night we began an hour earlier because the hall was double-booked. Even with the time change, we still had about 50 non-members show up. The Orthodox church had a meeting right after ours, and a number of their people attended our meeting because they didn’t realize it wasn’t part of their program. We felt this was the providence of God so that these people would get to hear our talks.



Chervonohrad and Sokal Meetings

The third evening, since we were unable to have the meeting because of double-booking, we were invited to go to the Chervonohrad church and have a meeting with the members there.

Over 18 years ago, Vic had a series of meetings in this church. A number of people came to us saying they had been baptized at these meetings.





We had also had a series of meetings in Sokal, a city not far from Chervonohrad. Some of the people from this city came to see us in Chervonohrad, including some people who did not take their stand when Vic spoke in Chervonohrad but who came to hear Vic speak in Sokal. Hopefully, they will make their decision to follow the truth now.

Back in Lviv

October 21 was an interesting evening. When we arrived at the hall back in Lviv, the Orthodox church was having a meeting. The bishop of the area was present, and as he was leaving the building, people came forward to kneel at his feet and kiss his ring. How sad to watch people bow to a mere man!

That same evening, the big rock concert was held close to our hall. This was put on by one of the political parties running for office in the area. They were buying people's votes by giving out Vodka. It was awful to watch the young people drunk on the streets. How the heart of Jesus must weep when He sees how Satan has degraded the human race!

Even though there were some interruptions in our meeting schedule, we did not lose any of the non-members that came. They attended faithfully right until we switched from the hall to the church.

Lutsk Meetings

Since it was Thanksgiving season in Ukraine, we were invited to attend a celebration in the Lutsk Third Church. How wonderfully they had decorated their hall!

Our meetings in the Lutsk Church lasted until November 9. We had eight decisions for baptism, but only five of these were truly ready. On Sabbath, November 10, the baptism took place in Lutsk First Church. I was unable to attend the baptism because I was sick.

Pastor Volodya asked if we would have a special meeting with the youth. I prepared a talk on standing up for truth and doing the work of spreading the Gospel wherever it is needed. After the meeting, some youth leaders stayed to ask me questions. We pray that the words will bear fruit amongst the youth in that area.

On the last evening of the meetings, a lady came to the meeting from Kiev. She had gone to Vic's meetings a number of years ago and wanted to be baptized. She was young at that time and her parents wouldn't let her take this stand. Now, years later, she got baptized. When her parents saw the change in her life, they asked her forgiveness for not allowing her to be baptized sooner.



Final Thoughts

Hopefully this update gives you some insight into our time in Germany, Spain, and Ukraine. To read more stories from our trip, visit amazingdiscoveries.org. We have already had invitations to return next summer, so if the Lord wills, we will return to do a Revival series and other sermons. Vic is working on a series entitled Let's Get Serious! to share how we need to take seriously Christ's Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20. We are living in unusual times and it requires unusual work on our part, with the blessing of the Holy Spirit, to really live for the Lord and share the hope found in Him with others in our world! God bless you all. ■

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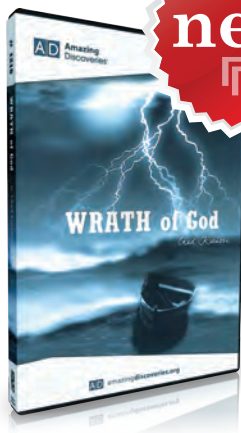
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To God be the Glory ...in His Fruit



I found out about Amazing Discoveries roughly a year or so ago. I was at a Seventh-day Adventist church where I overheard some people talking about a professor from South Africa—Walter Veith, so I went home and googled Walter Veith. From there, I found Amazing Discoveries. At this time, I felt like I was dying spiritually. I had grown up in the SDA church, but I was more of a nominal Christian. I was looking for something deeper to sink my teeth into and found such a thing through Walter Veith's Total Onslaught series. I immediately ordered the series and got very excited about it, watching at least one a day.

As a mother of small kids, and owning my own company, I don't have a lot of free time, but within the last year-and-a-half, God has challenged me to get up early in the mornings to have quiet time with Him. Through this devotional time, God impressed on me to remove animal products from my diet. In fact, I heard a direct message from Him saying, 'This body is not going to take you through the time of trouble. You need to stop eating animal products, and I will show you how to replace them.' Since then, I have turned over my whole house so that it's vegan and have learned to find replacements for dairy and meat.

God has also recently challenged me with going door-to-door to find people who want to learn about Him. I was arguing back and forth with Him because I was scared to take on this task, knowing there are a lot of weird people out there. I had the book "Selected Messages" from Ellen White lying around, and God led me to a passage in it that greatly comforted me. It said something like, "When I [God] ask you to do something, know that I will be with you. Don't delay."

That was the encouragement I needed. I am now intent on clearing my calendar, starting with two or three times a week, so that I can go door-to-door and fulfill the mission I felt God so clearly has called me to. I want to [and have already begun] sharing the Total Onslaught series with people, beginning with those nearest me, especially people who most other people wouldn't bother to get to know, maybe because of their social, economic, or ethnic status. Everyone needs to know that Jesus loves them, and I have seen Him do so many amazing things in my life that I cannot refuse Him. I know in my own life, I want Jesus' sacrifice to mean something, and that's why I have no other option but to obey Him in this work. It's time for us to live what we preach, and no matter what challenges may come, God will be faithful and provide a way.

— Marie Meyer

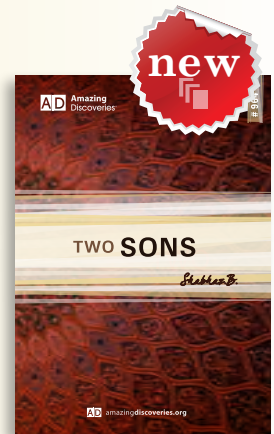


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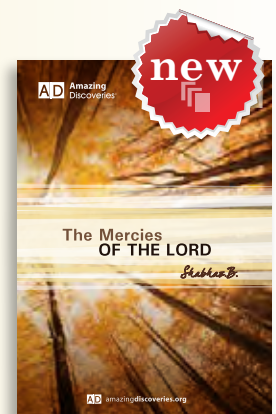
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To God be the Glory ...for His Fruit

Dear Dr. Veith,



I wish to praise God and thank you for your truly amazing and divinely-inspired ministry at AD, which has blessed and transformed my life more than you could ever know [at least in this world]. Though I called myself a Christian my entire life and always believed in God, my faith was barely existent, incredibly weak, and sorely tried. I too was raised Catholic, schooled in the finest schools here in the northeast US [St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers, MA] and even had an uncle who was a Xaverian brother. Yet I fell away from the church in the 1980s, lacking inspiration and troubled by the Pope's claim to infallibility, which I considered impossible for sinful man.

In the 1990s, I got married and converted to Greek Orthodox for my wife. I excelled at academics, graduating cum laude from Harvard and working many years at Harvard Medical School. My worldly accomplishments filled me with pride, and my life seemed full of promise and little cares.

However, following the birth of my two sons in the late 90s, the Lord saw fit to take everything away because I failed to find a place for Him and to give Him proper credit for my blessings. I lost my wife to divorce, my house, my life savings, my credit, and my sons to a corrupt court system.

Yet despite my feeble faith, praise God I never lost faith in Him, nor blamed Him for my problems. Rather, I gained strength in my belief that He would someday set everything right. In the ten years since, I spent countless hours researching and investigating how such corruption could occur in the country I grew up believing to be the land of liberty and justice, only to learn that not only was my little court corrupt, but the entire court system and our political leaders, and then all of the leaders the world over.

In my despair, beginning about a year and a half ago, I began praying for the first time in my life on a daily basis, pleading with God to intervene to punish the wicked and to reveal the truth about Himself to me. Little did I know about just how completely He would answer my prayer. Specifically, I asked Him to help me find a new church to attend and to help me understand the Bible [which I had never read and thought I wouldn't even understand if I did]. Much to my surprise and ecstatic delight, in researching some of the most horrendous wickedness known in this world, He led me to your ministry online last March 2010. I watched the Total On-slaught series in just 10 days, and was convicted and converted less than halfway through.

I joined the nearest Seventh-day Adventist church [Boston Temple] the next week, and have kept the Sabbath every week since. In fact, I gave my heart, my life, and my abilities to the Lord and my Saviour, Jesus Christ, from that first week, and have spent at least 6 hours a day reading the Bible and Ellen White's writings, and watching every one of your lectures at least twice each by now. The Lord has completely transformed my life and my character, and I now love to witness to others whenever I can, canvassing in the poor neighbourhoods of Boston, and having written online to everyone I know and many whom I don't know [well over 1000 people by now] about God's truth and your ministry.

I cannot thank you or God enough, and I hope someday to hug you in person to show my gratitude and love. If not, I can't wait to meet and know you in heaven!

Thank you so very much! With love from your brother in Christ,

Craig Kavanaugh



Eat

For most of my life I've struggled with anxiety. I would always be worried about something. Our family's dear friends were here one day recording a new series at Amazing Discoveries called Total Transformation. You may have noticed that when you do work for the Lord, that is when the devil works the hardest. During this time I experienced severe anxiety.

My friend noticed that I didn't eat breakfast ever and he asked why. I told him it was because my stomach was so uneasy especially in the morning, and that I would never be able to keep my food down. He told me that I need to eat breakfast because it would give me strength to manage my nerves. I was desperate so I decided to give it a try.

I ate my first breakfast in a long time and sure enough, I was in the bathroom throwing it all up shortly afterward. I went straight to my friend and told him that it didn't work. I was just as nervous as before and now I felt sicker because I had just thrown up. He told me, "It doesn't matter, eat again."

I tried again but got the same result. So I went back to my friend and told him again, "It didn't work." He repeated the words, "Eat again."

By the third day, I was ready to give up. I thought that I couldn't go on. My only thought was, "When is Jesus going to come?" It was so hard to deal with this problem. I just wanted Him to rescue me from my anxiety.

I ate my breakfast anyway and threw it up just as I'd done the previous two days and again I went to my friend. "Eat again," was the only thing he would tell me. I felt upset. I thought to myself, "You know what? He's only a professor of zoology. He doesn't know anything about anxiety, at least not my anxiety." But thanks to my friend's persuasion, I decided not to give up. I ate again and history repeated itself each day for one whole week.



Again

by Tabea Penner

After that week, I started to keep my breakfast down, although I still felt just as nervous as before. My friend said, "Don't give up. Keep eating." So I did.

Shortly after that, my friends went back home and I had no one to tell me to eat again. I was sad to see them go and to still be in the same predicament with only a little change. As we waved our last goodbye all teary-eyed, I decided that since I wasn't throwing up

my breakfast anymore, I might as well keep eating. About six weeks later, just as my friend had promised, my anxiety finally left me and I was happy and healthy again.

Every new thought I learned from the Bible was making me stronger and stronger.

A few years later I found myself feeling like I was not going anywhere spiritually. I felt alone and as though God had left me. I was even starting to think that reading my Bible wasn't changing me at all. As I lay in my bed worried and scared, the memory of this whole experience came back to me. The words "eat again" rang in my brain over

and over. Tears rolled down my face as I realized that I was just about to give up on the one thing that could give me strength for the day, just like I had done years ago.

The thrill of realizing that God was worried enough about my feelings to remind me of this precious thought just tickled my heart in every way. From then on I ate again and again and again (of the Word of God, of course) with a new faith that God was there and cared enough to remind me of a past lesson. Every new thought I learned from the Bible was making me stronger and stronger. I soon found myself happy again with a powerful lesson learned.

If you find yourself doubting that you will ever change and be transformed out of your old habits and character as I was, or scared that God has left you, my advice for you is, "Eat again, and again and again." And don't stop because He does care and He is right there ready to remind you to "eat again."

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. ■

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

John 6:51

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Editor's Note:

In the recent controversy surrounding Walter Veith's latest presentation King of the North in his newest series Repairing the Breach, we see a fundamental error that seems to have silently pervaded our own ranks. Many evangelical Christians look to the nation of Israel for final end-time events surrounding Christ's Second Coming. In their view, Israel will play an important role in these events, and Christ will even appear in Jerusalem. This understanding is based on the belief that Israel is still God's chosen people, even though they deny that Jesus is God's Son and the Messiah foretold throughout the Old Testament.

Walter Veith's presentation raised no contention among the Jewish community. However, it did, surprisingly enough, among Adventists. Contrary to what some Adventists seem to think, it is the traditional Adventist view that Israel as a people group is no longer set aside specifically as "God's chosen people" in and of themselves. It is the Adventist belief that the term "God's chosen people" is now applied to any and all that believe in Jesus as the Saviour--whether they be of Jewish, German, Dutch, Chinese, or any other heritage. There is sufficient Scriptural evidence that even God no longer sees a difference between a Jew and a Gentile:

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28).

Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all" (Colossians 3:11).

Enormous backlash from German Adventist leaders resulted over this issue in Walter's presentation. The King of the North lecture was labeled "anti-Semitic" by these leaders, and this statement should be deeply concerning to studious Adventists. Anti-Semitism is prejudice, hatred or discrimination against Jewish people for being Jewish. Walter spoke historical and Biblical truth: that the Jews were once the target of special messages from God to be shared with the world and the people through which His Son was to be born, but Scripture does not support this. These words have no prejudicial, hateful or discriminatory intent against Jewish people. Jewish people can still be "God's chosen people" as much as anyone else, if they choose to follow Jesus as the Messiah and Saviour predicted in the Old Testament.

This uproar by Adventists is an attack on God's Word. We should be alarmed as never before when we see such attitudes arise amongst our very own ranks, for it suggests fundamental doctrinal error and an adopting of popular attitudes in the Church. It is a serious sign of the times, and one which should bring us to pray for our beloved Church and brethren. If this attitude and misunderstanding is in our own ranks, what else is there? Following is an article by our speaker Daniel Pel on what Adventists traditionally believe regarding the question of the "new Israel." The following article explains how Adventists understand the Israel question.



Daniel Pel

Israel

Today, around the globe, millions are interested in Bible prophecy and have their eyes on Israel. Their attention is fixed on literal Israel and Jerusalem. This is all heated by the never-ending news of strife and unrest in the Middle East. Christians are speaking about a modern state of Israel, a rebuilt Jewish temple, and a Middle East Armageddon. These subjects are

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discussed in magazines, books, on TV, internet, and seminars. A large number of Christians see a connection between end time Bible prophecy and Israel. But here is the big question: Are all of these end-time prophecies in Scripture regarding Israel and the temple speaking of the literal nation of the Jews and a physical building, or is there a deeper spiritual application?

Mixed-up Prophecies

When Jesus came the first time many misunderstood and misapplied the prophecies pointing to His kingdom. They mixed the prophecies of His first coming with those of his Second Coming. They eagerly waited for Jesus to set up a literal earthly kingdom of glory. The people misunderstood His identity and



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mission. The popular teachings of the day buried the words of Jesus concerning His mission. This all resulted in a great disappointment. Could the Christian church of today be in for a great disappointment as well? Could it be that many are misapplying the prophecies regarding Israel and end time events? What is real Israel today? To understand this subject, we have to take a step back and look at the big picture of God's plan for humanity.

The Name of Israel

"Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

Gen 12:1-3

Abraham, who is known as the father of the Israelite nation, was in a special way called by God. Abraham finds grace in the eyes of God and is chosen to represent the true God to all the nations around him. He is called to leave his home and go where the Lord leads him. The promise was given that out of him would come a blessed nation. Abraham had a son named Isaac, but up to this point, the name Israel has not even appeared in the Bible.

Isaac's youngest son, Jacob, had 12 sons and each son was the father of a tribe. Ancient Israel was divided into 12 tribes. This is why the Hebrews referred to their God as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. So let's take a closer look at the figure Jacob, because the first time that the word Israel appears in the Bible it is connected with Jacob!

At around the time his father Isaac was becoming old, Jacob had deceived his father and older brother, Esau, and stolen the birthright, and as a result had fled from home. For twenty years he lived with his uncle Laban, during which time Jacob married the two daughters of Laban and worked for him. On Jacob's return home to the Promised Land, Jacob faces his brother Esau, who heads towards him with an army of 400 men! The night before they meet, Jacob is all alone in prayer. Suddenly he feels a hand on his shoulder and thinks it might be one of the soldiers of Esau. He wrestles with this individual, not knowing it is a heavenly being come to bring comfort! The wrestling continues all night and as the morning breaks, an amazing conversation occurs between the two.

"And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two women servants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok. And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had. And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob." Gen 32:22-27

Jacob is asked what his name is. This time, he doesn't lie and claim to be someone he isn't. He had lied to his father earlier that he was Esau to gain the birthright. The question, "What is your name?" must have haunted him ever since. Now in all honesty, Jacob admits the truth. The name Jacob means "sup-planter" referring to a "deceiver." As Jacob realises he has been wrestling with a heavenly being, he clings to the Angel and desires a blessing!

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"And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed." Gen 32:28

Jacob gets a new name! The name Israel means "to prevail with God." It is a name denoting victory! It refers to an overcomer. The wrestling pictures the struggle, which leads to repentance and victory. This is the first place where the word Israel appears. The word Israel was first given to one man because of a spiritual victory. This is a

Letter sent in support of W.Veith
after German division ban:

My family and I are blessed abundantly by Walter J. Veith and his ministry. At this period of time, when we no longer get Adventist messages from the pulpits of many of our SDA churches, W. J. Veith and the Amazing Discoveries website have given us a great source of knowledge - Biblical, health, creation-evolution, spiritual formation, current world events, prophecies, SDA church foundational doctrines, etc. When spiritual formation was introduced in our local church, we were able to identify and resist it only because of Amazing Discoveries. They enlightened us even before we could hear about spiritual formation from our GC and NAD leaders.

As leaders of our church, you should encourage someone like Dr. Veith who is so bold and courageous as to expose deceptions. There is no doubt that he is the "modern-day Paul." When the disciples claimed and preached the resurrection of Jesus, it was considered a "conspiracy theory" by those who did not want to believe it...

It is so discouraging to see many of our church leaders moving away from our doctrinal pillars. We have seen that no action is being taken against the leaders who openly support, encourage, or show a deaf ear to evolution, spiritual formation, and a disbelief in the sanctuary message in our churches and institutions. But when an evangelist such as Pr. Veith says something controversial, many of our leaders pounce upon him with accusations. In his recent series, "Repairing the Breach," there are allegations of anti-Semitism charges against Walter Veith by the German SDA Church leadership. We have listened to the entire series and did not find anything as such.

Why is Dr. Veith accused of anti-Semitic charges when action is not taken against many of our current leaders who entertain and preach anti-Seventh-day Adventist doctrines, and they are still in a leadership position? Recently three of the Unions including one from Germany rebelled against the General Conference by ordaining women as pastors even before the SDA World Church leadership could finish the study on this issue and make a final decision on it. None of them were removed or banned from their office. But Dr. Veith has been banned from the German churches mercilessly.

We will not be surprised that such leaders can also bring about allegations of anti-papacy charges against our fearless and truth-loving SDA preachers who preach the Three Angels' Message and expose the Antichrist.

Yours in Christ,

J.G. & M.J.

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very important point to keep in mind as we progress in this study.

The Nation of Israel

Israel (Jacob) dwelt with his 12 sons in the Land of Canaan for many years. The story of Genesis reveals how Joseph, as one of Israel's sons, ends up in Egypt when sold into slavery by his brothers. But through God's providence, Joseph becomes the second-in-command of all Egypt and saves his family when famine hits Canaan. Israel and all his sons dwell in Egypt for many years. But times get tough and a new Pharaoh ascends the throne, who doesn't know Joseph. The descendants of the 12 sons of Israel multiply into 12 tribes and are forced into slavery while in Egypt. A cry of deliverance is heard and God raises up a man by the name of Moses. When Moses is called to deliver the people out of slavery and bondage, God refers to His people as Israel!

"And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn: And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me..."
Ex 4:22-23

Here the name Israel is expanded to include Jacob's descendants. The name Israel first applied to a victorious man, then to a nation. This is another very important point! Israel first points to a man who gained a spiritual victory, and then to a nation that came out of that man. But did the nation of Israel continue in the ways of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? Were they worthy of the name Israel? Did they gain spiritual victories? At times they did and we have some amazing stories in the Old Testament displaying the power and purpose of God in raising up this nation to be a light for the nations around them. But sad to say, the history of ancient Israel as a nation is not a very bright one. God made a covenant with His people, but this covenant was broken time and time again. Prophets and preachers were sent to Israel, but most of the time they were ridiculed and even persecuted by their own people. When Jesus Himself came to His own people the Scriptures tell us that they received Him not (John 1:11). Jesus tells a remark-

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able parable in Matthew 21 where He describes the history of the Jewish nation.

“Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country: And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons. Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.” Matt 21:33-45

The vineyard represents Israel and the servants sent to the vineyard are the prophets sent to Israel over and over again. The parable tells us that they are beaten, stoned, and killed. Finally the owner’s son is sent. Jesus refers to Himself here! He indicates through the parable what the people were about to do to Him. Jesus makes it crystal clear that Israel cannot continue as it is. Either the nation was to bear fruit, being a light as was purposed from the very time God called Abraham, or else the kingdom and blessing of God, would be given to another people. An amazing prophecy in the book of Daniel reveals what happened to the nation of Israel. This is also one of the most remarkable prophecies pointing to the ministry and death of Jesus Christ. Let’s take a look.

The Seventy-Week Prophecy

“Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks. . .” Daniel 9:24-25

While the prophet Daniel is in Babylon and his people are in captivity because of their sins, Daniel prays and pleads with God for deliverance. The angel Gabriel comes and pronounces a prophetic time period for the nation of Israel to repent from their sins and reconnect with their God. Remember that in Bible prophecy, each day represents a year.

“...I have appointed thee each day for a year.” Ezekiel 4:6

The entire prophecy was to extend for seventy weeks, or four hundred and ninety literal years (70 weeks x 7 days in a week = 490 prophetic days = 490 years). But the focus of the prophecy was when the Messiah was to appear. There were to be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks, or four hundred and eighty-three literal years (7 weeks + 62 weeks = 69 weeks x 7 days in a week = 483 prophetic days = 483 years). The Messiah was to appear and be anointed to His mission (“Messiah” is a Hebrew word meaning “anointed one,” like “Christ” in the Greek) four hundred and eighty-three years from the beginning of this prophecy.

When did the prophetic clock begin ticking? “Know therefore, and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem.” (v. 25) A decree was to be given that would mark the beginning of this prophecy. It was a decree that was to both restore and build the city of Jerusalem. Jerusalem was at this time in ruins. Because of the disobedience of the Jewish people, their city and sanctuary had been destroyed and they were taken as captives to the heathen nation of Babylon. God longed for His people to love and follow Him, but they had despised His mercy. He had sent prophet after prophet, but they had rejected each one, and now their city was in ruins as a result of their disobedience. But that was to change. A decree was going to be given that would restore Jerusalem as a temporal city and rebuild it. (The giving of the decree and the time that it was to be given had already been prophesied by the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah. See Isaiah 44:28, Jeremiah 25:11-12, 29:10)

“And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the

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son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.” Ezra 6:14

“And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king. And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.” Ezra 7:7-8

God made sure the decree starting the prophecy was recorded in His Holy Word (you can read the entire decree in Ezra 7:11-26). While there were actually three decrees given, only one met both the prerequisites of restoring Jerusalem to power and rebuilding it. The third and final decree by Artaxerxes, king of Persia, alone fulfilled the specifications of the prophecy of Daniel 9. This decree took effect in the fifth month of the seventh year of his reign. (Ezra 7:8) As recorded in history books, the first year of Artaxerxes was 464 BC, thus his seventh year would have been 457 BC. Artaxerxes’ first year started in the spring and so the fifth month would have been in the fall of 457 BC.

In order, then, to discover the exact year that the Messiah was to appear, all one needs to do is add 483 years (the amount of time from the start of the prophecy to when the Messiah was to appear) to 457 BC. (Since 457 is BC, you treat it as a negative number and are actually subtracting it from 483.) This brings us down to AD 26. ($483 - 457 = 26$) There was one slight problem, though. Since the chronologists did not include a zero year (they went from 1 BC to AD 1), we must add one year to make the math calculations come out correctly. The actual date that terminates the sixty-nine weeks would then be the fall of AD 27. ($26 + 1 = 27$) AD 27 was the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar. (He began jointly reigning with his father, Augustus Caesar, in AD 12.) Did anything significant take place in AD 27, the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar?

Jesus Appears Exactly on Time

“Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.” Luke 3:1-3

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"Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased." Luke 3:21-22

In the fall of AD 27, the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar, Jesus was baptized, and at His baptism God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." After Jesus' baptism and anointing, Jesus went through Judea proclaiming the time had been fulfilled. What time could have been fulfilled? It could only have been the time pointing to when the Messiah was to be anointed in Daniel 9. Jesus was anointed to His mission as the Messiah at exactly the time foretold five hundred years previous!

The Messiah is Cut Off

"And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined." Daniel 9:26

"He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken." Isaiah 53:8

"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." Daniel 9:27

"Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure... By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Hebrews 10: 5-6, 10

This fascinating prophecy does not end with Jesus' anointing as the Messiah. It portrays the last thing that the Jewish people wanted—a suffering Messiah. The Jews had misinterpreted the prophecies until they believed that the Messiah was going to be a conquering king who was to break the Roman yoke and exalt the Israelite nation on high. They wanted to be set free from the Roman power, but they did not want to be set free

from sin in their hearts. They interpreted the prophecies to fit into their hopes and desires rather than allowing the Bible to interpret itself. The priests applied the prophecies of Jesus' Second Coming to His first coming and thereby led most of the Jewish people to reject their King.

The prophecy predicted that the Messiah was to be "cut off"—"cut off from the land of the living." The Messiah was to die for the sins of His people. It does not just tell us that He was to die, but it tells exactly when He was to die. We read "in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering." (v. 27) Jesus brought an end to sacrifice by sacrificing His life for us. No longer do we need to offer physical sacrifices to God, for Jesus brought an end to that Old Testament practice by His death. It was in the middle of the week. This was the last, or seventieth week, of the prophecy. Half of one week would be three

and a half, so it was three and a half years (3 ½ prophetic days = 3 ½ years) after Jesus began His mission that He was to die a sacrificial death for all mankind. Through the Gospels, we can trace three and a half years of ministry culminating at Jesus death on the Passover day of AD 31, exactly three and a half years after the fall of AD 27.

Not only was Jesus anointed exactly 483 years (69 prophetic weeks) after the decree was given to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, but He was also crucified exactly three and a half years after beginning His ministry, once again fulfilling the prophecy. When studying this prophecy, there can be no doubt in our minds that Jesus is the only One Who could possibly be the Messiah predicted in the Old Testament. He came at exactly the time foretold. He died at exactly the time predicted. We indeed have a sure word of prophecy and can be certain that Jesus is our Savior and Redeemer! But sad to say, the nation of Israel did not see in Jesus the Messiah. The parable of the vineyard in Matthew 21 came to pass as Jesus predicted.

The Seventy-Week Prophecy Ends

"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy." Daniel 9:24

Remember that the seventy-week prophecy, which is 490 years, would begin with the command to restore Jerusalem in 457 BC. This means the prophecy ends in AD 34, three and a half years after the death of Jesus. After the death of Jesus, the Jews still had three and a half years to discover their true condition and turn from their sins. The hand of mercy was reached out to the very people that

As we go through life, we catch on to ideas from our interactions and environments. We tend to be molded by the society we live in.

We can tell this merely by looking at society around us. Sociologists, psychologists, marketers, and advertisers are keenly aware of our malleable tendencies. We see so many messages directed at us from organizations we don't even know—telling us how to think, what to look like, and who to be. They wouldn't be trying to influence us if it didn't work and, unless we choose to live like cave hermits, it is difficult to avoid these messages.

Molded by Society

by Wendy Goubej



Sending a Hidden Message

Some messages are unspoken—a beautiful model touched up in Photoshop looks at us from a billboard telling us that we must look like her in order to be beautiful. Subliminal sexual or occult messages hidden in advertising for innocuous items like chocolate cake, brandy, and gum persuade us to purchase and indulge.¹

In his book *Propaganda*, founder of public relations Edward Bernays explains that we are indeed manipulated and conformed:

The conscious and intelligent manipulation of the organized habits and opinions of the masses is an important element in democratic society. Those who manipulate this unseen mechanism of society constitute an invisible government, which is the true ruling power of our country. We are governed, our minds molded, our tastes formed, our ideas suggested, largely by men we have never heard of (Propaganda: 37).

This statement is one worth exploring. If indeed Bernays' words are true, we are one of the most enslaved cultures to ever live on Earth—for our society is permeated with advertising manipulation. Nothing is as it seems. That haircut you think is cool, that outfit you desperately want, and the car you drive were all inspired by Madison Avenue.

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¹Wilson Bryan Key, *The Age of Manipulation: The Con in Confidence, the Sin in Sincere*, Maryland, Madison Books, 1993.

Here's what Richard Winter, author of *Still Bored in a Culture of Entertainment* writes:

What does the advertising industry do to you? Its endless commercials... breed in you discontent with your house, your car, your body, your clothes... In old-fashioned biblical language, it inspires you to covet. It promises you satisfaction, peace, meaning, and happiness, but only if you get your needs met now. Children learn that they are the most important person in the universe, that impulses should not be denied, that pain should not be tolerated...and that the cure for any kind of pain is a product. They learn a weird mix of dissatisfaction and entitlement...With the messages of ads, we are socializing children to be self-centered, impulsive, and addicted.

Land of the Free?

Goethe once said, "None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free." Isn't America the land of the free? Don't we here in Canada think that we are free? We may be free externally, but are our minds free? Isn't it ironic that young people break away from Christian principles in order to be "free" to watch movies and TV—actually choosing to be ensnared and controlled by movie producers and advertisers?

Bertrand Russell, British philosopher, thinker, and social critic believed movies to be the greatest avenue of influence in society:

But perhaps the most important of all modern agents of propaganda is the cinema...leading to almost world wide uniformity...The great majority of young people in almost all civilized countries derive their ideas of love, of honour, of the way to make money, and of the importance of good clothes, from the evenings spent in seeing what Hollywood thinks good for them. I doubt whether all the churches and schools combined have as much influence as the cinema on the opinions of the young...

The producers of Hollywood are the high-priests of a new religion...the result is that any defects in the status quo become known only to those who are willing to spend their leisure time otherwise than in amusement; these are, of course, a small minority...

There is however a certain instability about the whole system. In the event of unsuccessful war it might break down, and the population, which had grown accustomed to amusements might be driven by boredom into serious thought. ²

Russell also believed the education system should be used to transform children into what society needs them to be, and that Jesuit methods were ideal for accomplishing these goals:

*"It is to be expected that advances in physiology and psychology will give governments much **more control over individual mentality** than they now have even in totalitarian countries.*

*Fichte laid it down that, **education should aim at destroying free will**, so that, after pupils have left school, they shall be **incapable, throughout the rest of their lives, of thinking or acting otherwise than as their schoolmasters would have wished...***

Diet, injections, and injunctions** will combine, from a very early age, to produce the sort of character and the sort of beliefs that the authorities consider desirable, and **any serious criticism of the powers that be will become psychologically impossible.

*Even if all are miserable, all will believe themselves happy, **because the government will tell them that they are so*** (Emphasis added). ³

How much of our educational system promotes rote learning and creates people that do just as they have been taught to do? How many of the values that we teach our kids are dismantled in the classroom?

Bertrand Russell's writings are scary as we think about the pervasive role the movie industry and the educational system play in our lives. We are constantly being conditioned into a certain stream of thinking—but we call it learning or fitting in.

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² Bertrand Russell, *Scientific Outlook*, Taylor & Francis, 2009: 142-143

³ Bertrand Russell, *The Impact of Science on Society*, New York: AMS Press, 1968: 50



I'll Do It My Way

One large influence on modern thinking was Aleister Crowley. One of the wickedest men in the world, he was deeply occult and wanted to see the family unit broken down. He coined a new "law" that he believed was what humanity should follow, and it was "do as thou wilt, shall be the whole of the law".⁴

This idea has been accepted wholeheartedly by much of society, and this law is seen in movies and music repeatedly. Jazz crooner Frank Sinatra, who many today would consider tame and harmless, wrote a song called *I'll Do It My Way*.

It was a famous song, and many may still remember the tune.

Anton LaVey, the founder of the church of Satan, and his followers view *I'll Do It My Way* as the most satanic song of the 20th century—a strange thing to call a song by Frank Sinatra.⁵

How many of us still get tricked by the idea that Satan only comes to

us through disgusting, noisy, ugly, demonic-looking impressions? Yet Satanists consider Frank Sinatra's song satanic. Why? Because it presents the very message Satan wants all of us to get: that we should do things our way, not God's way. Our way, our likes, our desires, our wants, our needs are what we should be catering to. Wasn't pure and simple selfishness always the core of Satan's government and rebellion?

Follow Your Heart

The satanic message of *I'll Do It My Way* has been repeated again and again in movies and music in the last 60 years. Here are some excerpts from popular songs:

"I'm free to do what I want any old time."

"Do what you want to do/what you want to do/ try hard to live your life/ live right the way you want."

"I need to do what I feel like doing/ so let me go."

"I am what I am/ I'll do what I want"

"Do what you want/go on and do what you want"

"Do what you wanna do"

"Just be yourself any way that you want to/ any way that you can"

"Life is ours, we live it our way"

This message has many other expressions:

"You've just got to believe/ believe in yourself."

"Trust your heart."

"Listen to your heart."

"The truth is all within yourself."

"I've come this far with the truth of my heart."

"Why second guess what feels so right/ Just trust your heart and you'll see the light/ True to your heart/ you must be true to your heart."

"Follow your heart and nothing else."

This pervasive "follow your heart" message is also being fed to our children through Disney movies. We see the girl being told to "follow her heart" and do what she has always wanted to do, whether it is to fall into the arms of a prince or to follow an independent path and break the roles she is placed in. She is taught that whatever the case, just "follow your heart" and all will be well. The solution to everyone's happiness, the answer to everyone's dilemma, is always to "follow your heart."

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⁵ As stated in the video "They sold their souls to rock'n'roll" by Good Fight Ministries.

Choosing a Law to Live By

According to research on Satanism by teacher and lecturer Scott Ritsema, the three core teachings of modern satanism can be summed up as:

1. I can be a god unto myself by making my own rules
2. I find the truth within
3. Follow your own desires, feelings, heart.⁶

But Deuteronomy 10:12-13 says, “what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?”

We are told that God has our best in mind, that His ways are what bring happiness. Following His rules is what guarantees peace and joy in our hearts and in our society. As Romans 12:2 tells us:

Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.

What does this verse mean for us? How can we have our minds renewed in order to be transformed and no longer conformed to the messages and will of an unknown group of godless power-hungry controllers that wish to manipulate society into drones that have no ability to choose for themselves?

God never wanted drones. He gave us minds to think and says “Come now, let us reason together” (Isaiah 1:18). He wants us to intelligently follow Him through choice. Never does He want to manipulate or even guilt us into following Him. “If ye love me,” Jesus says, “keep my commandments” (John 14:15).

A Peculiar People

We see by sharp contrast the beauty of God’s ways from those of the “world” and Satan. For many of us, it may be a struggle to break free from the world’s mold—the ideas and messages that have shaped us our entire lives.

We live in a worldly society, it is true. To some point, we end up fitting in. But God calls us who are living in the world, to not be of the world. He calls us to be a “peculiar people” (Titus 2:14, 1 Peter 2:9).

To be peculiar may mean that we no longer watch cable television. It may mean that we turn down invitations to go see a movie even though our friend or family member wants to do this with us and it makes us look unfriendly. It may mean that our children don’t participate

in various children’s groups, and that our children have fewer social activities. It may mean setting aside selfish desires, returning selfish purchases that we shouldn’t have made, reining our thoughts in to the captivity of Christ that we may think His thoughts and discard ours. It will definitely mean that daily we must immerse ourselves in the Word and spend time with those of like mind so that we can slowly but surely have that precious transformation in our minds. It is then that we may fit into the society of heaven, that society into which we ought to strive to belong.

Let us learn what the society of heaven is made up of – selflessness, a meek and quiet spirit, turning the other cheek, not easily provoked, all of those lovely traits we see in 1 Corinthians 13. Oh may you and I develop a love for that society in which angels dwell.

May we become allergic to the society of the world and its selfish “my way” mentality, and may our minds become quickened to discern the subtle sin in the messages we hear in movies and music, in school, in the store, and in the talk of friends and associates. May we reject the messages rather than adopting them and allowing them to make us into just another conformist.

Ellen White wrote in a letter to her niece that she should be “true to herself.” This does not mean “follow your heart,” but it means to realize our value in God’s sight, and not accept the lies and conforming messages of the world.

Tell yourself the truth today, and honor the value God has placed in you by living up to it. ■

⁶ The material for this article relies heavily on information from “The Spirit of the Music Industry: How One Man Transformed American Culture” from the series *Media on the Brain* by Scott Ritsema available at www.mediaonthebrain.net. Watch for an upcoming series by Scott on these issues produced by Amazing Discoveries.

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Seeking After a Sign

The extreme. The flashy. The totally shocking. These are the things that people in our culture seem to want. We have degenerated into a society of adrenaline junkies and fear addicts. If it doesn't grab us, we aren't interested. The simple, quiet, calm things in life are just not enough to attract our attention. This state of things is by design—not God's design, of course, but Satan's. It is his plan to get our senses so debilitated, so corrupted, that we are no longer interested in the peace, quiet, and simplicity that God has to offer. This is why miraculous signs are such a draw for people today in the Christian world. Signs are just one more extreme, one more totally shocking experience to complement and satisfy the need we see evident in our society today.

The Gift of Tongues

Some would say tongues is the gift of the Holy Spirit. I would say that the ability to speak in tongues is a gift of the Holy Spirit, one among many. Yet there are many charismatic churches today that believe that the gift of tongues is the evidence that you have the Holy Spirit within you. If you believe this, I challenge you to look more closely at Scripture. You may be surprised to see what the Bible really says about the gift of tongues.

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We are counseled to combat error with truth:
Do not cherish a spirit of controversy. Little good is accomplished by denunciatory speeches. The surest way to destroy false doctrine is to preach the truth. Keep to the affirmative. Let the precious truths of the gospel kill the force of evil. Show a tender, pitiful spirit toward the erring. Come close to hearts (Lt 190, 1902 [Ev 304]).

The Work of the Holy Spirit

What then does the Bible say about the gift of tongues? Is it the miraculous sign that signifies the baptism of the Holy Spirit, as many believe? In order to understand the gift of tongues, we must first understand the purpose of this gift and the work of the Holy Spirit. So let's begin with a closer look at the work of the Holy Spirit. This work is described in John 16:6-14:

*Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the **Comforter** will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he **will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment**: Of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will **guide you into all truth**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. **He shall glorify Me**: for he shall receive of Mine, and shall show [it] unto you (emphases added).*

Let us look closely at this passage. First, the Holy Spirit is a Comforter. The word in the Greek is **paraklētos**:

Summoned, called to one's side, esp. called to one's aid; in the widest sense, a helper, succourer, aider, assistant.¹

An intercessor, consoler: - advocate, comforter.²

In short then, the work of the Holy Spirit is to come to our aid, to intercede, to strengthen (succor), console, and to help us. John 16: 6-14 also provides a more detailed description of the Spirit's work:

1. Reproving the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment,
2. Guiding us into all truth, and
3. Glorifying Christ.

These are the parameters of the Holy Spirit's work which God has laid out in Scripture. I did not invent this job description so that I could limit God. And we shouldn't try to make the Holy Spirit work outside of these parameters, either!

Purpose of the Gifts

As we now look to the purpose of the Holy Spirit's gift of tongues, we must not reach outside God's definition of the Holy Spirit's work, nor outside the purposes for the gifts. To find the purpose of tongues let us begin in Acts 2:4: "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." "Tongues" is here translated from the Greek word *glossa* which, according to *Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon*, means "the language or dialect used by a particular people distinct from that of other nations."³ This same word is used many times in the Bible to denote just that: known languages of distinct people groups (See Revelation 5:9, 7:9, 14:6; Mark 16:10).

Going back to the book of Acts now, let us look to the context of this story in Acts 2:5 to see exactly what the Lord is saying:

And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

Notice what the Bible says: the Galilean disciples were speaking in the mother tongues of foreigners from "out of every nation under heaven." They were not speaking in unintelligible syllables or noises that needed to be translated.

What did the foreign Jews hear?

"We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God" (Acts 2:11). And that, my friends, is in perfect harmony with the purpose of the Holy Spirit to glorify Christ and convict of sin, righteousness, and judgment. How wonderful is the Word of God! If we would just read it for what it says—and believe it—how much less confusion would we have to endure!

The work and purpose of the Holy Spirit is the parameter within which the gifts work. The gifts are only for fulfilling the purpose that God has laid out in the Scripture. What then do we say to those who are experiencing tongues in their church? Come back to the Word of God! Experience alone doesn't lead to truth. The Word is truth.

Stay tuned for part three! We will be going to 1 Corinthians and letting the Bible explain the gift of tongues. Until then, may God be with you always. ■

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BEDIENCE

– Hostile Foe or Faith in Action?

by Randy Skeete

The Bible is, in general, a very simple book to understand. The basics of salvation are plainly laid out to anyone who reads with an open and honest mind. A God who is “not willing that any should perish” (2 Peter 3:9) and “who would have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4) cannot produce a book of salvation that is difficult to understand.

Complicating Christ's Message

One of the distinguishing marks of the preaching of Jesus is the childlike simplicity of His message. Sterling examples are the parables of the sower (Matthew 13), the lost sheep (Luke 15), and very famously, the Prodigal son (Luke 15).

But our carnal minds love to make the simple complex and thus plunge us into error where no error previously existed. The Bible declares that “the common people heard him gladly” (Mark 12:37). Even children are supposed to understand the Gospel. Ellen White writes this:

It is God's design that even the children and youth shall understand intelligently what God requires, that they

may distinguish between righteousness and sin, between obedience and disobedience (Child Guidance, 80.3).

This would be impossible if God did not purposely make the essence of the Gospel very simple. But the very simplicity of His messages was a problem for the “high and mighty” of His day.

Simple Obedience

I would suggest that no other Bible teaching is more plainly laid out than the need for strict obedience to God in all things. This teaching, understandable even to children, has been made so complex that many so-called believers no longer see its place in the grand plan of salvation.

Why are believers, and non-believers, so adamantly opposed to strict obedience to God, to the extent that they actually view obedience as hostile to salvation by faith?

The answer is as simple as the teaching of obedience itself. The deep roots of hatred for obedience are found in Jeremiah 13:23; 17:9, and pre-eminently in Romans 8:7-8.

All three texts declare that the state of a sinner is such that he cannot obey God. It is an impossibility. Paul explains the reason for this terrible condition: the carnal heart hates God because of His law. The King James Version of Romans 8:7 reads thus:

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Because of sin, the human nature became incapable of pleasing God, because it could no longer obey Him. The law became the problem, not because of any defect in the law, but because of a genetic defect in the human nature, caused by sin.

Rebellion Against the Law

Expressed differently, one may say that the problem for an unconverted person is the law of God—nothing else. The problem of the un-renewed mind is not God Himself, nor Christ. If God and Christ had no law, there would be no enmity in the sinner toward them.

At the risk of being painfully repetitious, it must be restated that the only reason why sinners hate God is that He has a law! Take away the law and the enmity would vanish immediately.

This problem of hatred for the law, hatred for obedience, did not originate with sinners on earth. It began in the original sinner himself—Satan. His problem was also the law of God. It remains his problem today, as Ellen White explains:

From the very beginning of the great controversy in heaven it has been Satan's purpose to overthrow the law of God. It was to accomplish this that he entered upon his rebellion against the Creator, and though he was cast out of heaven, he has continued the same warfare upon the earth (The Great Controversy, 582.1).

The last nine words of this quotation are sobering: “...he has continued the same warfare upon the earth.”

There is bold Biblical proof of this war in Revelation 12:17:

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.

This verse requires some further explanation. The word “war” occurs twice in Revelation 12, in verses seven and seventeen. The war in heaven, mentioned in verse seven, is continued here on earth in verse seventeen.

Satan's enemy in both wars is the same: the law of God. Two wars, one enemy! God's one law, the Decalogue, is the object of Satan's wrath on earth (Revelation 12:17), as it was in heaven (*The Great Controversy*, 582.1).

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Sides in the War

Revelation has many women: the pure woman in Revelation 12:1-2, and the great whore and her many daughters in 17:4-5. While there are only two *kinds* of churches, pure and corrupt, there is a vast *number* of churches.

Of all these churches, the dragon—Satan—is only angry with one: the one that obeys God's law. He has no real problem with those who disobey!

Sadly, most people, ignorantly or willfully, are numbered with the disobedient. Disobedience is natural for unconverted sinners because that's their nature. Those who don't know Christ yet cannot help but rebel against God. In order to act contrary to their nature, and obey God, they must be reborn as an *entirely different species*—go from flesh to spirit.

In the flesh, we naturally rebel and disobey gladly, therefore displeasing God. In the spirit after conversion, we naturally obey, and so please God.

Faith in Action

Since obedience pleases God (John 8:29), and since we can please God only by faith (Hebrews 11:6), it becomes gloriously obvious that obedience and faith are inseparable. Obedience is faith in action.

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The carnal mind cannot please God because it does not obey. If we reverse that statement we see that the spiritual mind pleases God because it obeys.

When God gives a command He desires one response: obedience from the heart—not discussion and argument and alternative suggestions. Why does God want obedience from the heart? Because the heart is where He writes His law when a person is born again (Hebrews 8:10). If God puts His law in the heart, what else would He want but obedience from the heart?

Obedience is the basis on which the redeemed will regain the right to the Tree of Life (Revelation 22:14), a right originally lost through disobedience (Genesis 3:17-24).

May God help you see that true spiritual obedience—not merely mechanical compliance to the letter of the law—is a gift from God to those who *fully* surrenders to Christ. ■

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Israel in Prophecy

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cried, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" During this time, the Spirit-filled disciples preached in Jerusalem, resulting in the conversion of many. But the leaders of the nation were bent on destroying this new movement. In AD 34, Stephen, a Spirit-filled deacon of the apostolic church, was taken to appear before the leaders of Israel. In Acts 7, Stephen appeals to the religious leaders of Israel by tracing the history of the nation and pointing to the guidance of God throughout their history. Finally Stephen reiterates what Jesus already portrayed in the parable of the vineyard. He points to the fact that they were responsible for the death of the prophets and even the very Messiah! This was too much for the leaders of Israel and they ending up stoning Stephen (Acts 7:51-60), making him the first Christian martyr. Stephen's death marks the end of the seventy-week prophecy. Israel was no longer the special chosen nation of God. From this very time the gospel went to the Gentiles. Shortly after, Jerusalem and its temple were destroyed in AD 70 by the Roman army. Remember that in the time of the prophet Daniel the command was given to restore Jerusalem and the temple. God allowed this to happen with the condition that the Jews would turn to Him. Again His protective hand was removed from this nation after the seventy weeks ended since the Jews had not repented and turned from their sins. Now the Gospel goes to the Gentiles with power. But there is an important question. Who is the spiritual head of this new nation of believers? Remember that ancient Israel came out of Jacob. Jacob received the name Israel. Who is the new Israel?

After the death of Jesus, the Jews still had three and a half years to discover their true condition.

Jesus is the New Israel

"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." Luke 4:16-21

The Scripture that Jesus read was taken from the book of Isaiah. After He read the passage, which was always be-

lieved to be a prophecy pointing to Israel as a nation, He applies the prophecy to Himself! The people listening were shocked. All those in the synagogue were startled when Christ made the application to Himself. Jesus said: Today this Scripture is fulfilled! That very Scripture was fulfilled in Jesus, the new Israel. But not only was this Scripture fulfilled in the life of Christ—there are many prophecies that initially pointed to the nation of Israel, which Christ fulfilled in His life on earth. Especially in the Gospel of Matthew, we find numerous references to prophetic fulfillments in the life of Christ.

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*“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be **fulfilled** which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.” Matt 1:21-23*

*“And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be **fulfilled** which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.” Matt 2:13-15*

*“And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be **fulfilled** which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.” Matt 2:23*

*“And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: That it might be **fulfilled** which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, the land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.” Matt 4:14-16*

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To God be the Glory
...in His Fruit



Through Amazing Discoveries and Walter Veith's message, I converted from Roman Catholicism to Seventh-day Adventism about two years ago. An SDA friend who I worked with in the mines and who had also been a Roman Catholic purchased some DVDs from AD and shared them with me. On one of the DVDs, Walter Veith quotes from Jesus who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6) This was such a contrast from what I had been taught in the Catholic Church—that salvation is from the Pope. Together, my friend and I made some comparisons of the King James Bible to other translations and found that some passages were missing, which deeply bothered me. I was seeking the truth and even though I had to dig deep to find it, God was faithful and revealed it to me.

Since I live in the Northwest Territories and there are no SDA churches here, I depend on the Bible as my only source of truth. No church is perfect anyway, and that's why you have to find the truth that God gave us in the Bible. There's nothing better than having a relationship with Christ. A serious health incident that almost involved getting my leg amputated was a big warning sign from God to quit my job, stay at home, and devote my time to Him by praying and studying His Word. I heeded this warning and indeed realized that God is my sole provider. He miraculously healed my swollen leg.

I love sharing God's truth and have had the opportunity to witness to a Pentecostal pastor up here. I met him at a park where I lent him the Walter Veith DVD on faith. There was a youth gathering of different denominations at his church that weekend and he ended up using the video as part of his presentation. As a result, many kids aged 10-20 heard the wonderful message! Since God has revealed His truth and it has set me free, I want to share it with others—especially my family who is all Catholic. I am planning a trip to Australia and New Zealand where they all live so I can share my SDA faith in person with them.

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*"When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be **fulfilled** which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."* Matt 8:16-17

*"All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: That it might be **fulfilled** which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world."* Matt 13:34-35

*"And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me... All this was done, that it might be **fulfilled** which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass."* Matt 21:1-5

Matthew shows that not only Messianic prophecies, but also seemingly random events foretold in the Old Testament are fulfilled by Jesus in the New Testament. The New Testament writers recognized that Jesus was the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies—not the nation of Israel. In fact, all the promises given to Israel center in Christ!

"For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us." 2 Cor 1:20

The promises are YES in Him, not YES in Israel.

Though it was God's desire to fulfill His promises in ancient Israel, this did not happen due to the rejection of His Son. Instead, all promises fulfilled in Christ Jesus. **If you start going over the Old Testament and say that the prophetic events still have to happen in Israel, you are actually interpreting the Bible as if Jesus was not the One He promised to be!** In essence, many are making the same mistake as the Jews in the days of Jesus. They failed to see the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies in Jesus Christ. This happened because they had different expectations regarding the coming Messiah. Today many Christians, though they acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, have different expectations regard-

ing modern Israel. The promises and prophecies that many Jews and Christians are waiting for have already been fulfilled in Christ!

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39

The misinterpretation of Bible prophecy has caused millions to take their eyes off Jesus and place them on frail humanity. The never-ending strife in the Middle East has sparked a new interpretation of prophecies regarding Israel in Scripture. But we cannot interpret Bible prophecy based on the next headlines in the news. A sound and sensible interpretation takes the above words of Jesus seriously. The Scriptures center in Christ and there is no doubt that He presents Himself as the new Israel.

The Prophecies of Israel Apply to the Followers of Jesus!

Where Israel failed, Jesus was victorious. Remember that in the Old Testament, the name Israel first applied to one man, Jacob, to represent his spiritual victory over sin. Even so, in the New Testament, Jesus Christ is the Israel who is victorious over all sin! Literal Israel failed to fulfill their calling and so God looks for a new nation coming out of a new man.

"Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." Gal 3:16

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Gal 3:26-29

We become part of Jesus and therefore part of spiritual Israel by faith! The promises of literal Israel are now the promises of spiritual Israel. When you come to Jesus, you partake of all His promises. By faith you are incorporated in spiritual Israel. God is not concerned about chromosomes and genes—He is concerned about faith and obedience. When baptized, you accept the death and resurrection of Christ and become true Israel! All New Testament writers understood this. Notice how Peter addressed the Gentiles who now had faith in Jesus as their Saviour.

When baptized, you accept the death and resurrection of Christ and become true Israel!

The promises are YES in Him, not YES in Israel.

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."

1 Peter 2:9-10

The Bible truths about Israel give us a new focus. The whole focus is Jesus who is the overcomer! By coming to Him, we become part of spiritual Israel and, through His help, gain victory over sin like Jacob did.

The Bible truths about Israel give us a new focus.

"For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God." Rom 2:28-29

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Rev 3:12-13

This is a promise to the movement of God and it is a promise to you. May you be an overcomer through the power of Jesus—your Israel! ■

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Who said: "Tabitha, arise!"



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Letters sent in support of W.Veith after German division ban.

I am and have been an SDA all of my life, born and raised. I felt impressed to write this e-mail to extend how much Walter Veith has impacted my life. Jesus, our King, has chosen him to be a messenger to expose darkness and to bring hope to all those who listen and watch his series. My whole family, my friends, and my co-workers are all being shown his work and how God is using him and it's sweeping! I'm so proud to be called a brother of Christ with Veith, for he is a true apostle for the Lord. I just want to thank him and all of you at Amazing Discoveries for making his work, and your work, happen. God bless and Happy Sabbath!

Sincerely,
J.H.

Dearest Pastor Veith,

As I read your response to Bruno Vertallier's letter of disapproval, tears of joy streamed down my face--not because of the circumstances, which bring sadness for the condition of our beloved church, but for your uncompromising stand for truth. "The greatest want of the world is the want of men--men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." (Ellen White). Pastor Veith, YOU ARE SUCH A MAN, and I thank the Lord for you. I pray you will continue to courageously tell the truth!

Sincerely,
D.L.

chapter 3: **Philippa de Lunz**

During the reign of Henry II, Paris was a very different city from the gay and beautiful capital of today. The streets were narrow and crooked, unpaved, unlighted at night. The houses were tall, dark, and picturesque, and were constructed with a view to securing the inmates from the annoyances which the constant street brawls would have inflicted upon them but for this precaution. There were but few windows looking into the streets, and the only lights to be seen along the thoroughfares were the lamps which burned before the images of the Virgin and the saints at the street corners, and which served as guides to the belated pedestrian. The construction of the streets, the arrangement of the buildings, and the gloom which enshrouded them at night gave ample opportunity for the brawls and scenes of violence which were of constant occurrence. Within the city crime and lawlessness were rife. The great nobles set the common people the example of violence, and the latter were not slow to profit by the lesson. During the reign of Henry II, Paris was noted for its lawlessness. The persecutions which had been put in force against the Reformers had been attended with so

many scenes of violence and wrong that the people had become to a certain extent demoralized, or rather trained to disregard the rights of others.

This state of affairs was made worse by the effect upon the people of the national disasters. The French army in Italy, under the Duke of Guise, was being steadily beaten by the Spanish, under the Duke of Alva, and the kingdom itself had been invaded by the best army of Spain, led by the great Duke of Savoy, Emmanuel Philibert. This force penetrated as far as the town of St. Quentin, within one hundred English miles of Paris. The Constable Montmorency marched to the relief of the place, but was terribly defeated and taken prisoner on the 10th of August, 1557. So complete was his defeat that there was scarcely any force left to bar the road to Paris against the Spaniards. On the 27th of August, the fortress of St. Quentin surrendered, and the Spaniards were absolute masters of north-eastern France. These reverses, coming so quickly upon each other, threw Paris into a fever of excitement.

The priests, finding that the national troubles had had the effect of drawing off attention from the Reformers, and thus for a time giving them a respite from suffering, now resolved that these very troubles should be the means of renewing the persecution in a more violent form than it had yet assumed. They declared from their pulpits and on the streets that such disasters were direct punishments from heaven for permitting heretics to live in France. "God is punishing us," they cried, "because we have not avenged his honor." The only way to regain the divine favour, they said, and to avert fresh disasters at the hands of the Spaniards, was to renew the effort to exterminate the heretics, and to show them no mercy. Their furious appeals to the people were entirely successful. The Parisians were wrought up to such a pitch of frenzy and apprehension that they were ready to follow the priests in any act of cruelty to the Reformed.

On the left or south bank of the Seine, in one of the suburbs of the city, stood a house belonging to one of the Reformers. This gentleman being sincerely attached to his religion, had, sometime previous, offered his house as a place of religious meeting to his brethren

in the faith. The offer had been accepted, and several meetings had been held there. The suspicions of the Catholic neighbours had been aroused by the unusual number of persons coming to the house, and the priests had caused it to be closely watched. At last they were satisfied that it was one of the secret places of worship used by the Reformers. They at once prepared to raise the populace against the "Lutherans," as they termed the Reformers, and to attack the house at the next meeting, and massacre all who should be found within it.

On the night of the 4th of September, 1557, a meeting of the Reformed was held at this house. It was attended by nearly four hundred persons. The majority of the men were persons of rank, or gentlemen of wealth and position, and the women were nearly all of the upper classes, some of them being ladies in attendance upon the queen. They were constantly receiving new additions to their number, and the meeting in question was one of the largest they had ever held. Sentinels were posted at the doors to guard against a surprise, and the worship began. It was conducted quietly, and with great caution, and at the close of it, all present partook of the Lord's Supper. Then a hymn was sung, a prayer was said, and the meeting was brought to a close. The worshippers lingered for a few minutes after the services were over, to exchange friendly greetings, and were about to separate, when one of the sentinels rushed in, pale and breathless, and cried out that the

Rue St. Jacques, the street in front of the house, was filled with a large mob headed by a number of monks. From the windows of the house, the worshippers could see the mob filling up the street, armed and provided with blazing torches, and could hear the hoarse cry of "Death to the traitors! Down with the Lutherans!" At the same moment the mob surged heavily toward the house, and a sharp attack was made upon the doors, with the intention of forcing them.

A few of the gentlemen of the congregation were armed, their rank entitling them to wear swords. They at once sprang to the door, and resolutely held the crowd at bay. By the direction of these gentlemen, the elders and the women passed into the gardens, hoping to escape through them into the fields which lay behind them. To their dismay, however, they found that the garden gates were held by armed men, whose torches they could see gleaming beyond the walls. Which ever way they turned, they could see the glare of hostile torches, and hear the hoarse cry of "Death to the Lutherans!" The priests had resolved to do their work well, and had surrounded the place on all sides, cutting off every avenue of escape. There was no other course for the fugitives but to return to the house and await the result of the attack. Accordingly they made their way back without delay.

Their reappearance in the house greatly disheartened the gentlemen who had undertaken the defence. It showed them the completeness of the plans of



the priests, and convinced them that unless they could secure aid from without there was no hope of defeating the attack of the mob. The fate in store for them was death at the hands of the rioters—perhaps worse treatment for the women. The mob now was very formidable, and might at any moment break in the doors and overcome the efforts of the defenders. If the defence could be protracted until morning it would accomplish nothing, for as soon as the gates of the city should be opened the whole of the rabble of Paris would come pouring out to join in the attack, and the massacre which would ensue. There was but one thing to do to gain relief—to seek the protection of the magistrates at once. It would be better to fall into the hands of the civil authorities than into those of the mob. Several gallant gentlemen volunteered to go immediately to the Hôtel de Ville, where they gave warning of the danger which threatened their friends.

Those left in the house could hear the shouts and cries in the street as their friends passed out, but they were unable to tell whether they had succeeded in reaching the city. The rioters continued their attack all through the night, accompanying it with the most blasphemous cries and insulting threats. The priests stood by, urging them to continue their work, and to root out heresy from the land. All through the long night, the worshippers waited in a trembling suspense. They made constant prayer to God, and at times one of their number would read aloud some consolatory chapter of the New Testament to cheer and strengthen them. Frequently the voice of the reader was drowned in the furious yells of the mob.

At last the morning came. The day broke over Paris, and the city gates were opened. In a short while other rioters ripe for murder and plunder would come to the aid of those already engaged in the attack, and then a few minutes would end it all. Already the heavy door was quivering beneath the blows which were dealt it. The next instant it fell with a crash, and with a loud cheer the mob dashed into the building. The worshippers gave themselves up as lost, but at this moment the quick, clanging step of men at arms was heard, and a detachment of the City Guard came up at a run and took possession of the house, expelling

the rioters, and making prisoners of the Reformers. The latter were formed in line under the escort of the soldiers, and marched off to prison. The crowd followed them all the way, pelting them with mud and stones, and insulting them with the coarsest taunts and jeers. They were conducted to the Grand Châtelet, the most terrible prison in Paris, and there thrown into filthy dungeons, from which the vilest criminals had been removed to make way for them. These dungeons were so dark and gloomy that the light of day scarcely ever penetrated to them. They were so small that they were utterly incapable of accommodating the large number of prisoners thus suddenly thrown into them, and the captives were crowded so close together that they could neither sit nor lie down.

The Reformed Church of Paris was thrown into the greatest consternation and grief by the arrest and imprisonment of so many of its members. Every family addressed itself to God in prayer for the delivery of the martyrs. A petition was presented to the king, praying for mercy to the captives, but he threw it aside without noticing it.

The priests and their followers were exultant at their success in capturing so many heretics. They were considerably vexed at the delay of the civil authorities who were in no hurry to bring the prisoners to trial, and they busied themselves with keeping alive the popular fury against the poor captives, so that there might be no chance of their escape. They denounced them and all who sympathized with them from their pulpits and in private, and kept the walls of the city covered with inflammatory placards. They were anxious that the whole number of prisoners should be compelled to abjure their faith or be burned, and they gloated with barbarous joy over the prospect of burning so many heretics at once.

The prisoners were kept in the Châtelet for nearly a year, and then were brought out for trial. They were guilty of heresy, and of violating the law which forbade such assemblies as they had been engaged in under penalty of death. They admitted their guilt. They were then offered their lives and liberty if they would abjure their faith and be reconciled to the Church of Rome. They unanimously refused the offer, and were sent

back to prison, from which a number of them passed to martyrdom.

One of the captives taken at the meeting was a young widow of good family and great beauty. She was named Philippa de Lunz, and was only twenty-two years old. Her husband had been dead but a short time, and had been a devoted member of the Reformed Church. His last charge to her had been to be true to her faith, and to endure persecution and even death, rather than abandon it. Throughout her short widowhood, she had been conspicuous for her devotion to the Church, and had shrunk from no danger which attended the exercise of her religion. During the attack of the mob she had displayed usual firmness, exhorting the timid to be brave, and all through her long imprisonment she had set a noble example to her fellow-captives of patient and undaunted suffering for Christ's sake. Her relatives and friends in Paris made great efforts to save her from the fate which awaited her, and she was several times called before the judges and questioned, in the hope of inducing her to recant and save her life. She was not willing to accept any compromise, however. Her religion, she said, had been full of the sweetest comfort to her. It had sustained her amid the sorrows of her widowhood, and the trials of her captivity, and she was assured that it would reunite her with her husband in the Kingdom of God. Not for all the world would she exchange it for life, or for any thing her judges could offer her. Finding all their efforts in vain, the judges sentenced her to be burned. Then she was taken back to prison.

On the 27th of September, 1558, after an imprisonment of more than a year, Madame de Lunz was led out to die. Before leaving the prison, she put off all signs of mourning from her dress, and arrayed herself in the best garments left her. One of her companions, in surprise, asked her the meaning of this act, and of her joyful air.

"Why should I not rejoice?" she said. "I am going to meet my husband."

She was conducted to the entrance of the prison by the jailor, and there she found Nicholas Clinet, a schoolmaster, and Taurin Gravelle, an advocate, both elders in the Reformed Church, who were to suffer death in company with her. A tumbril was in waiting at the



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What man was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot as an apostle?

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prison gate to convey them to the stake, and the street without was filled with a noisy, exultant mob which had collected to follow the victims to their death. By the terms of their barbarous sentence their tongues were to be cut out before leaving the prison, in order to prevent them from praying aloud, or addressing the people on their way to the stake. As Madame de Lunz approached, the executioner seeing all of his victims present, laid his hand upon one of the men, and ordered him to submit to the sentence of the court. The next moment he had seized the martyr's tongue and cut it off at the roots. The other victim shared the same fate. Then, turning to Madame de Lunz, he said to her, roughly:

"Put out your tongue, woman!"

She did so immediately, and the executioner, struck with admiration for her intrepidity, exclaimed:

"Come! that's well done, truande; you are not afraid, then?"

"As I do not fear for my body," she replied, firmly, "why should I fear for my tongue?"

The next moment the wretch threw her bleeding tongue at her feet.

Thus mutilated, the martyrs were thrust into the cart, and bound with the same chain. The cart jolted heavily over the rough streets, causing them no little suffering. They were powerless to speak to each other, and they each passed the time in prayer. The crowd followed the cart, yelling and hooting, and brutally calling to the victims to speak to them, and in this rabble, mingling with the vilest of the vile, were the priests and monks of the Church of Rome whose bloody work this was.

The spot appointed for the execution was the Place Maubert. A pile of fagots had been thrown up in the centre, and around this was gathered a crowd of the

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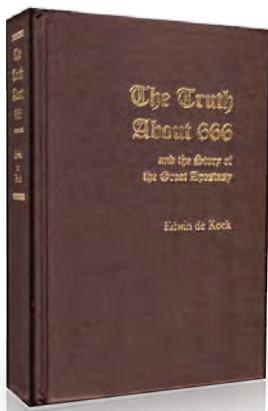
Q: *I wish to contact Walter Veith to find out where he got the picture of the pope's tiara (not mitre) cause it would be the only one in existence since I have yet to find one anywhere. I am not disagreeing with him about the pope but he claims that it is on the tiara but the last claim of it being worn was in 1845 by eyewitnesses but no pictures exist.*

A: We do not have a picture of the original tiara of the pope, however a scholar by the name of Koot Van Wyk has done much research on this issue.

Letter from Koot Van Wyk

Three points:

1. It is not really important whether the Vicarius filii dei was written on the tiara or not. It is the core of the RCC's theology of the Eucharist and priest's role in it.
2. Here is a site of someone who argues for the tiara photos. <http://www.aloha.net/~mikesch/666.htm>
3. A new book on 666 by **prof. Edwin de Kock of Texas, *The Truth about 666***, available through Amazing Discoveries, discusses these things in historical detail. In the meantime here are some of my own comments on it and you may want to look at the following site with more of my comments on the aspects. <http://www.egw.org> at VAN WYK NOTES



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It is claimed by four well-known scholars in Adventism that 666 no longer represents the title VICARIUS FILII DEI. Van Wyk looks at some evidence from John Paul II's book in 1994. According to advertisements of CD sales by one of four scholars, it was Rodriquez in a Sabbath quarterly that opened the way for their "symbolic view of the number 666". Many claim that it is no longer part of the Seventh Day Adventist belief. Nothing can be further from the truth. And here are some of the many reasons why:

Source: Pope John Paul II's BOOK:

Crossing the Threshold of Hope (1994), chapter: "The Pope": A Scandal And A Mystery

Excerpt 1: QUESTION of A Young Catholic To The Pope

Theme: *Why Do People Call You Vicarius Filii Dei = Vicarius Iesu Christi?*

"Confronted with the Pope, one must make a choice. The leader of the Catholic Church is defined by the faith as the Vicar of Jesus Christ (and is accepted as such by believers). The Pope is considered the man on earth who represents the Son of God, who "takes the place" of the Second Person of the omnipotent God of the Trinity."

Excerpt 2: ANSWER Of Pope John Paul II

Theme: *Don't Stress When People Call Me Vicarius Christi*

"Have no fear when people call me the "Vicar of Christ," when they say to me "Holy Father," or "Your Holiness," or use titles similar to these, which seem even inimical to the Gospel. Christ himself declared: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Messiah" (Mt 23:9-10). These expressions, nevertheless, have evolved out of a long tradition, becoming part of common usage. One must not be afraid of these words either."

Excerpt 3: ANSWER of Pope John Paul II

Theme: *Return To Issue Of Vicarius Christi*

"Once again, concerning names: The Pope is called the "Vicar of Christ." This title should be considered within the entire context of the Gospel. Before ascending into heaven, Jesus said to the apostles: "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). Though invisible, He is personally present in His Church. He is likewise present in each Christian, by virtue of baptism and the other sacraments. It was usual to say, as early as the era of the Fathers, "Christianus alter Christus" ("The Christian is another Christ"), meaning by this to emphasize the dignity of the baptized and his vocation, through Christ, to holiness. Furthermore, Christ brings about a special presence in every priest, who, when celebrating the Eucharist or administering the sacraments, does so in persona Christi."

Excerpt 4: ANSWER of Pope John Paul II

Theme: *Not Only Pope Is Vicarius Christi, All Functionaries Are = Its A Functionary Title*

"The Pope is not the only one who holds this title. With regard to the Church entrusted to him, each bishop is Vicarius Christi. The Pope is Vicar of Christ with regard to the Church of Rome and, through that Church, of every Church in communion with it—a communion in faith as well as an institutional and canonical communion. Thus, if with this title one wants to refer to the dignity of the Bishop of Rome, one cannot consider it apart from the dignity of the entire college of bishops, with which it is tightly bound, as it is to the dignity of each bishop, each priest, and each of the baptized."

Van Wyk Notes:

1. In the following site (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vicarius_Filii_Dei) there is a wrongful conclusion by the non-SDA contributor that in the above book the pope is not saying that he is VICARIUS FILII DEI. Biblical mathematics and logic cannot take us any other course than saying, whether he used the exact words VICARIUS FILII DEI or whether he is using the words VICARIUS IESU CHRISTI or whether he is using the words VICARIUS CHRISTI or whether he is using CHRISTIANUS ALTER CHRISTUS, my logic says,

they are all under the umbrella of VICARIUS FILII DEI. It is established Catholic doctrine that the Son of God is Christ and that these two expressions are used interchangeably. The writer in that site tries to say that in the phrase, “The Pope is considered the man on earth who represents the Son of God” [see EXCERPT I of the question of the young man to the pope], that the word is not a NOUN but a VERB not “representative” but “representing”. It does not matter which one it is. The Biblical doctrine of Christ is that the Holy Spirit was promised to be the representative of Christ on earth not the papal system or priestly functionaries. The only VICAR OF CHRIST is the Holy Spirit. He did not say, “When I leave, I will send to you the pope and priestly system that will abide with you”. All these terms stand under the forceful and logical numerical anagram of VICARIUS FILII DEI or 666, a number confirmed to be that way on the same site that tries to eliminate the papal image from it.

2. “Seventh-day Adventist Church abandons claim” This statement of the writer in this site (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vicarius_Filii_Dei) is not true. The fact that a paragraph or two has slipped into a Sabbath-school quarterly five years ago by writer A. Rodriques, is his personal view and those of some professors known to this writer and many Adventists from Andrews University, but more than 99% of Adventist Bible instructors around the world are still teaching this doctrine. The Adventists are not saying any longer that the tiara has the number, and that is true, but that the 666 is no longer VICARIUS FILII DEI, would not be a correct observation. Note the catch words in the last sentence on the site --“any papal title” which will scoop up VICARIUS FILII DEI also. This statement is not true. It is not a minority that “tries to connect the pope” with this title.
3. VICARIUS FILII DEI, as Pope John Paul II so eloquently explains in clear simple terms, is the theology of the mystical and superstitious key of salvation in the service of the Eucharist-shamanism embodied in every priestly function of that church as the only way to salvation, since they represent Christ through the handling of the magical bread and wine on earth. That theology is VICARIUS FILII DEI and that is 666, undoubtedly.
4. We have nothing to fear, lest we forget how God has led us in the past.

For an excellent overview of the controversy over the Vicarius Filii Dei title, see the book: **Vicarius Filii Dei - An Annotated Timeline** by Jerry A. Stevens. You can order it from our webstore at:

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very scum of Paris, dancing, singing, and screaming for blood. At a distant window overlooking the scene, stood the king, accompanied by a number of priests, who had brought him there to witness the execution.”

Madame de Lunz, by a refinement of cruelty, was reserved unto the last. The two men were placed on the pile before her, and burned to death. As the flames seized their bodies already weakened by pain and loss of blood they gave utterance to the most piercing shrieks, and writhed in horrible agony. Madame de Lunz all this while maintained her firmness unshaken. Shutting her eyes to the tortures of her companions, she found comfort and support in earnest prayer.

At length her turn came. Two of the executioners approaching her, seized her roughly in their arms, tearing her clothing from her as they did so, and shamefully exposing her person. Holding her in their arms they thrust her feet into the glowing coals of the pile on which her companions had died, and held them there until they were burnt through to the bone. Then reversing her position they placed her head downward, and held her so until her scalp was burned off and her eyes scorched out. Even then she was alive, and was supporting her sufferings with heaven-given strength. Finding that they had not killed her, and being sickened with their horrid work, the wretches strangled her, and threw her body into the flames, which soon consumed it.

That night the priests boasted throughout Paris that they had sent another heretic to hell. It was a boast worthy of its authors. But theirs were not the only thanks that ascended to heaven for the martyrdom of the brave woman and her companions. The prayers of the Church for which she had died were full of thanksgivings for that God, in His infinite mercy, had seen fit to give them the example of her life and death, that those who were left behind might be encouraged by it to be true to their duty even though it should lead them to a similar fate. ■

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THE JESUITS

Editor's Note: The nomination of a Jesuit as the new pope, Pope Francis, is a significant and alarming historical moment. Since this event, some people have been asking "who are the Jesuits?", while others in high positions (such as CIA, EU) have been announcing that they are also Jesuits or Jesuit-trained. The Jesuits have successfully transformed their image into something intellectual, to become the Catholic Church's "voice of conscience" and their sincerity and commitment are applauded. Long forgotten is their real history, and what they actually stand for. The Jesuit Oath can be read here: <http://exposingdeceptions.org/Oath.html>

Throughout its history, many people have written and spoken about the reputation, history, and political nature of the Jesuit Order. Find out what they have to say in this compilation of quotes from throughout history.

Some Background

The following excerpt from the World Scope Encyclopedia gives an overview of the purpose and history of the Jesuit order: "Jesuits, or Society of Jesus: A monastic order of the Roman Catholic Church, founded (1536) in Paris by Ignatius of Loyola. Originally the special function of the order was to care for the sick and to fortify the position of the Pope within the [Roman Catholic] Church. The latter function soon became the principal one of the order and thus it is not surprising that the order was approved by Pope Paul III as early as 1540, the first generalship being vested in the founder.

By the time Ignatius died in 1566...his order had increased from 60 to more than 1000 members. The members had to vow not only chastity, poverty, and implicit obedience to authority...but, especially, compliance with the commands of the Pope in going to any country and under any conditions to convert heretics and infidels, especially Moors and Jews.

...Their special obedience to the Pope naturally caused the Jesuits to fight against the greatest danger to the Catholic Church, Protestantism. Through this fight, the Jesuits developed political talents which soon made the members of the order the most versatile representatives of the Catholic Church in worldly affairs. In order to achieve this goal, a complicated organization of the utmost rigidity was developed. The Jesuits received the rights both of mendicant orders and of secular priests. They recognized only the superiority of [the Jesuit



Founder of the Jesuits, St. Ignatius of Loyola

Superior General] and the Pope. This gave them great worldly power. Furthermore, from their inception they devoted much interest to education, and early in their history were appointed to many highly important chairs of theology at the leading universities of Europe.

...Associated with all layers of society, from the humble to the powerful, the Jesuits combined great intellectual versatility and a shrewd political apprehension with a deep religious mysticism which was especially connected with the adoration of the Blessed Virgin. A certain soldierly spirit was furthered by the constitution of the order which provided severest punishment for members who did not comply with their vows.

...The Jesuits tried also to restrain nationalistic tendencies everywhere and to emphasize the universality of the Catholic Church. Their missionary branch was no less important. Due to the fact that they [initially] worked principally in the Indies, Japan, China, and Abyssinia, the Jesuits' spiritual work was often connected with the play of power politics. Thus they often played, directly or indirectly, a vital role in the political and economic conquest of the countries in which they served.

...Flourishing particularly in Spain and Portugal, members of the [Jesuit] order were among the first to set foot on the Spanish and Portuguese colonies in America. Their remarkable rise in power at European courts and among the people led many institutions of learning, their teachers, and the non-Jesuit clergy to fear the

Jesuits. It was largely for this reason that the parliament of France resisted the Jesuits in their attempts to obtain a foothold.

...By 1710, the order had more than 19,000 members and more than 22,000 by 1749. Increasingly feared and suspected by many European rulers, they were first driven out of Portugal (1759), and other countries followed suit. In France...they were finally expelled in 1764. Three years later Spain revoked its approval of the order. In 1773, Pope Clement XIV suppressed the



entire Jesuit Order by a papal bull, but in 1814, it was restored by Pope Pius VII.

...Later in the 19th century, however, the Jesuits were alternately driven out and permitted to exist in various European countries. They had to leave Italy in 1861, but were allowed to return in 1929. They were expelled from Germany in 1872, but permitted to exist there again after the fall of the Empire in 1918. In France the order was frequently expelled and restored after 1830 and finally permitted to return in 1919. England, Ireland, and the U.S., however, never passed any laws against the Jesuits. At present, the order totals about 25,000 members in 50 "provinces"; several of them in the U.S.

Their influence on the hierarchy of the [Roman] Catholic Church has increased continually since about 1860. In the U.S. they possess a large number of educational institutions, the most noteworthy being in New York City; Washington and Georgetown, D.C.; Baltimore; Buffalo, New York; St. Louis, Missouri; New Orleans, Louisiana; Denver, Colorado; Cincinnati and Cleveland, Ohio; Omaha, Nebraska; and San Francisco, California."

Reputation

The Jesuit Order is renowned for trickery, cruelty, and disturbance, as the following sources attest:

John Adams (1735-1826; 2nd President of the United States):
Shall we not have regular swarms of them here, in as many disguises as only a king of the gypsies can assume, dressed as painters, publishers, writers, and schoolmasters? If ever there was a body of men who merited eternal damnation on earth and in hell it is this Society of Loyola's.

Pope Clement XIV, who had abolished the Jesuit Order, said this upon his poisoning in 1774:

Alas, I knew they [i.e., the Jesuits] would poison me, but I did not expect to die in so slow and cruel a manner.

Hector Macpherson, *The Jesuits in History* (Edinburgh: Macniven and Wallace:

Jesuitism is the power behind the Papal throne. "The presence of the Jesuits in any country, Romanist or Protestant," once remarked Lord Palmerston, "is likely to breed social disturbance." So hurtful was the Jesuit Order found to be that, up to 1860, it was expelled no fewer than seventy times from countries which had suffered from its machinations.

Edwin A. Sherman (former 32-degree Freemason), *The Engineer Corps of Hell*:

The assassins of St. Bartholomew, the inquisitors and the Jesuits are monsters produced by malignant imaginations; they are the natural allies [of the spirit of darkness and of death; the religion of Christ, entirely to the contrary, is the sublime revelation of the life and of the light.

Pastor Robert Jefferson Breckinridge, *Papism in the XIX Century, in the United States*:

The society of Jesus is the enemy of man. The whole human race should unite for its overthrow. Earth and heaven should rejoice together over its tomb.—For there is no alternative between its total extirpation, and the absolute corruption and degradation of mankind.

J. Wayne Laurens, *The Crisis in America: or the Enemies of America Unmasked*:

They are Jesuits. This society of men, after exerting their tyranny for upwards of two hundred years, at length became so formidable to the world, threatening the entire subversion of all social order, that even the Pope, whose devoted subjects they are, and must be, by the vow of their society, was compelled to dissolve them [Pope Clement suppressed the Jesuit Order in 1773].

They had not been suppressed, however, for fifty years, before the waning influence of Popery and Despotism required their useful labors, to resist the light of Democratic liberty, and the Pope [Pius VII] simultaneously with the formation of the Holy Alliance, [1815] revived the order of the Jesuits in all their power... they are a secret society, a sort of Masonic order, with super added features of revolting odiousness, and a thousand times more dangerous.

They are not merely priests, or of one religious creed; they are merchants, and lawyers, and editors, and men of any profession, having no outward badge by which to be recognized; they are about in all your society. They can assume any character, that of angels of light, or ministers of darkness, to accomplish their one great end...

They are all educated men, prepared and sworn to start at any moment, and in any direction, and for any service, commanded by the general of their order, bound to no family, community, or country, by the ordinary ties which bind men; and sold for life to the cause of the Roman Pontiff.

Luigi Desanctis (Official Censor of the Inquisition; 1852):
All these things cause the Father-General [of the Jesuits] to be feared by the Pope and sovereigns... A sovereign who is not their friend will sooner or later experience their vengeance.

J. E. C. Shepherd (Canadian historian), *The Babington Plot: Jesuit Intrigue in Elizabethan England: The term 'Jesuit' has become synonymous with terms like deceit, chicanery, infiltration, intrigue, subversion...many organized Jesuits have been justly described as treacherous, traitorous workers, seducing many in the service of the Roman Pontiff away from national allegiance...*

Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*:

Throughout Christendom, Protestantism was menaced by formidable foes. The first triumphs of the Reformation past, Rome summoned new forces, hoping to accomplish its destruction. At this time the order of the Jesuits was created, the most cruel, unscrupulous, and powerful of all the champions of popery. Cut off from earthly ties and human interests, dead to the claims of natural affection, reason and conscience wholly silenced, they knew no rule, no tie, but that of their order, and no duty but to extend its power. The gospel of Christ had enabled its adherents to meet danger and endure suffering, undismayed by cold, hunger, toil, and poverty, to uphold the banner of truth in face of the rack, the dungeon, and the stake.

To combat these forces, Jesuitism inspired its followers with a fanaticism that enabled them to endure like dangers, and

to oppose to the power of truth all the weapons of deception. There was no crime too great for them to commit, no deception too base for them to practice, no disguise too difficult for them to assume. Vowed to perpetual poverty and humility, it was their studied aim to secure wealth and power, to be devoted to the overthrow of Protestantism, and the re-establishment of the papal supremacy.

When appearing as members of their order, they wore a garb of sanctity, visiting prisons and hospitals, ministering to the sick and the poor, professing to have renounced the world, and bearing the sacred name of Jesus, who went about doing good. But under this blameless exterior the most criminal and deadly purposes were often concealed.

It was a fundamental principle of the order that the end justifies the means. By this code, lying, theft, perjury, assassination, were not only pardonable but commendable, when they served the interests of the church. Under various disguises the Jesuits worked their way into offices of state, climbing up to be the counselors of kings, and shaping the policy of nations. They became servants to act as spies upon their masters. They established colleges for the sons of princes and nobles, and schools for the common people; and the children of Protestant parents were drawn into an observance of popish rites.

All the outward pomp and display of the Romish worship was brought to bear to confuse the mind and dazzle and captivate the imagination, and thus the liberty for which the fathers had toiled and bled was betrayed by the sons. The Jesuits rapidly spread themselves over Europe, and wherever they went, there followed a revival of popery...

To give them greater power, a bull was issued re-establishing the Inquisition. Notwithstanding the general abhorrence with which it was regarded, even in Catholic countries, this terrible tribunal was again set up by popish rulers, and atrocities too terrible to bear the light of day were repeated in its secret dungeons. In many countries, thousands upon thousands of the very flower of the nation, the purest and noblest, the most intellectual and highly educated, pious and devoted pastors, industrious and patriotic citizens, brilliant scholars, talented artists, skillful artisans, were slain, or forced to flee to other lands...

Such were the means which Rome had invoked to quench the light of the Reformation, to withdraw from men the Bible, and to restore the ignorance and superstition of the Dark Ages. But under God's blessing and the labors of those noble men whom he had raised up to succeed Luther, Protestantism was not overthrown.

History

The following quotes help us to see the impact the Society of Jesus has had on the planet since its inception:

Jesuit Giulio Cesare Cordara:

...nearly all the Kings and Sovereigns of Europe had only Jesuits as directors of their consciences, so that the whole of Europe appeared to be governed by Jesuits only.

John Daniel, *The Grand Design Exposed*:

The Thirty Years' War, 1618-1648, was a series of conflicts that became the last great struggle of religious wars in Europe. It was fought almost exclusively on German soil...but before the war ended, it involved most of the nations of Europe. The underlying cause of the war was the deep-seated hostility between the German Protestants and German Catholics – with the Jesuits and Cardinal Richelieu, who was the real ruler of France, fanning the fires to accomplish their end.

...The sixth and last event to be considered is the barbarous Irish Massacre, with its 23 October 1641 launching date – the date that also celebrates the Catholic feast of Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits.

...Again the plot is instigated by the Jesuits, priests, and friars, who excite the ignorant Irish Catholic people to a frenzy to commit the most unheard of cruelties. In far away France, Cardinal Richelieu, the French minister, had promised the [Irish Catholic] conspirators a considerable supply of men and money. In one stroke, Catholics rose up against their peaceful and unsuspecting Protestant neighbors, and spared no age, no sex, nor condition. Led on and declared by their fanatical priestly leaders, that no Protestant should be suffered to live any longer among them, adding that it was no more sin to kill a Protestant than to kill a dog, and that relieving or protecting them was a crime of the most unpardonable nature.

The onslaught raged on, and when it had run its course, one hundred and fifty thousand Protestants lay mutilated, butchered, and dead.

...For the unbiased researcher, history reeks of the butchery of Romanism, where whole cities and populations were unmercifully wiped out, just because they worshipped God in a manner that was different from Roman Catholicism.

Darryl Eberhart, "The Jesuit order—The Society of Jesus," Tackling the Tough Topics Newsletter:

The Jesuit Order – a.k.a. the Society of Jesus, the Order of Jesus, the Sons of Loyola, and "the Company" (it was once called "the Company of Jesus") – was founded in 1534 by Ignatius Loyola. It was officially recognized as a Roman Catholic religious order by Pope Paul III in 1540. Jesuits are famous as educators, and as "father-confessors" to emperors, kings (and their mistresses), queens, princes, princesses, high-ranking military officers, and many of the powerful and wealthy elite of the world. Jesuits are also infamous as seducers of women in the confessional, murderers of kings, makers of sedition, organizers of coup d'états, infiltrators of Protestant denominations, instigators of massacres, and fomenters of wars and revolutions. Numerous books have been written about the Jesuit Order. Some of these books contend that many of the men at the higher levels of the Jesuit Order have been – and are – very evil men!

Theodor Griesinger, Andrew James Scott (trans.), *The Jesuits*:

...the whole frightful responsibility for this terrible thirty years' war must rest upon the Emperor Ferdinand II., and his teachers, rulers, and bosom friends, the sons of Loyola.

Hector Macpherson, *The Jesuits in History*:

They [i.e., the Jesuits] have so constantly mixed themselves up in court and state intrigues that they must, in justice, be reproached with striving after world dominion. They cost kings their lives, not on the scaffold, but by assassination, and equally hurtful as the society of Illuminati; they were the foremost among the crowd, at all events, who applauded the murder scenes in Paris.

F. Tupper Saussy, *Rulers of Evil*:

The Roman Inquisition...had been administered since 1542 by the Jesuits.

Military and Political Nature

Rather than a passive monasticism, the Jesuit Order has pursued military and political power, and used its army of religious leaders to overturn civilizations and disrupt democracies:

John Daniel, *The Grand Design Exposed*:

The Church to rule the world; the Pope to rule the Church; the Jesuits to rule the Pope – such was and is the program of the Order of Jesus.

Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821; emperor of the French):

The Jesuits are a MILITARY organization, not a religious order. Their chief is a general of an army, not the mere father abbot of a monastery. And the aim of this organization is power—power in its most despotic exercise—absolute power, universal power, power to control the world by the volition of a single man [i.e., the Superior General of the Jesuits]. Jesuitism is the most absolute of despotisms—and at the same time the greatest and most enormous of abuses...

U.S. Army Brigadier General Thomas M. Harris, *Rome's Responsibility for the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln*:

...the favorite policy of the Jesuits, that of assassination.

Former American Navy secretary R. W. Thompson:

[The Jesuits] are the deadly enemies of civil and religious liberty.viii

Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky (1821-1881), in his book *The Brothers Karamazov*:

The Jesuits...are simply the Romish army for the earthly sovereignty of the world in the future, with the Pontiff of Rome for

emperor...that's their ideal...It is simple lust of power, of filthy earthly gain, of domination – something like a universal serfdom with [the Jesuits] as masters – that's all they stand for. They don't even believe in God perhaps.

Chief of the Nazi Sicherheitsdienst Walter Shellenberg:

The SS had been organized by Heinrich Himmler according to the principles of the Jesuit Order. The rules of service and spiritual exercises prescribed by Ignatius de Loyola constituted a model which Heinrich Himmler strove carefully to copy. Absolute obedience was the supreme rule; every order had to be executed without comment.

Former Nun of Kenmare Marie Frances Cusack (1830-1899), *Black Pope a History of the Jesuits*:

The Jesuits are the only religious order in the Church of Rome—and these orders are very numerous—which has lain under the ban of the [‘White’] Pope, or which has been expelled from any country because of its interference in politics. Hence we may expect to find that to obtain political power forms a main feature in the plans of the Society [of Jesus].

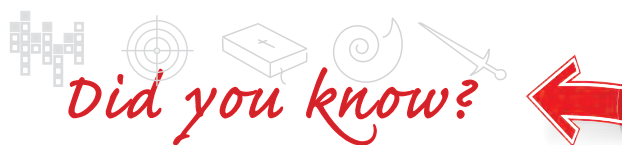
Rick Martin, “The ‘Black’ Pope Count Hans Kolvenbach—The Jesuit’s General,” *SPECTRUM* (May, 2000):

They're the ones in the government. They're the ones behind professional sports. The owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers (in 2000) is a Knight of Malta. The owner of the Detroit Lions (in 2000) is a Knight of Malta. All your top owners of these ball clubs, for the most part, are Knights of Malta, getting the people whooped up in this hoopla over games and sports, while they're busy creating a tyranny.

American physician and historian Emanuel M. Josephson, *The Federal Reserve Conspiracy and Rockefellers*:

[Jesuit-trained Illuminist Adam] Weishaupt and his fellow Jesuits cut off the income to the Vatican by launching and leading the French Revolution [1789-1799]; by directing Napoleon's conquest of Catholic Europe; [and] ...by eventually having Napoleon throw Pope Pius VII in jail at Avignon until he agreed, as the price for his release, to reestablish the Jesuit Order. This Jesuit war on the Vatican was terminated by the Congress of Vienna and by the secret, 1822 Treaty of Verona. ■

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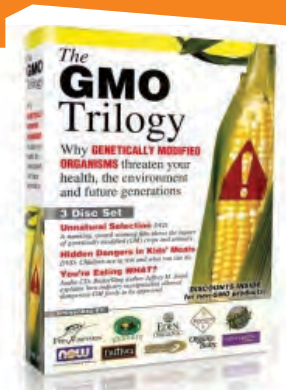


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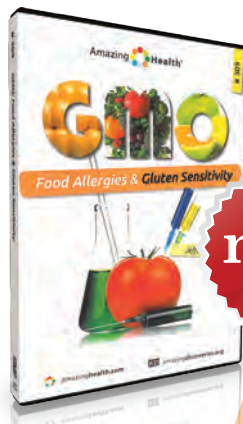
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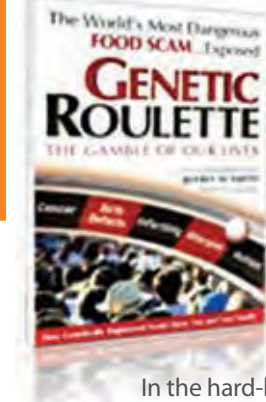
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