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With this issue of **"Faith on the Line"**, we find ourselves in the summer of 2012. Who would have ever thought we would still be here in such a year?

Some doubters would say that this surely means our Lord "delayeth His coming." With such thoughts comes compromise—a lowering of the standard, a neglect of Bible study. An interest in worldly things takes precedence over spiritual things. How easy it would be for us to give up our waiting and watching—to sleep as did the 10 virgins.

For what reason does God seem to tarry? Surely it must be His mercy. He desires that no one perish, and yet we are sleeping, having to be prodded awake, exhorted to study, and reminded of the importance of eternal priorities. We are so often like those disciples who slept away the critical hours before the climactic events of the cross.

As I look back on my life, I realize that my failures could have been avoided had I been more connected with the Vine. For the greater temptations and trials ahead, I will need a vital connection with Christ more than ever. The greatest moments of this earth's history are before us, and I, for one, desire to meet those moments as an obedient servant, relying on Him, and knowing my Master's voice. There can be no half-hearted efforts now. Are your ears of faith hearing the rumbling in the current events of today? A stiff breeze is already beginning to blow to be followed by the winds prophesied in Revelation.

And so, dear reader, I exhort you to consider your priorities this summer. Are you contemplating eternal realities and preparing to meet Jesus? These words give us important admonition for the work of character building:

"Keep every approach to your heart well fortified. You must put up the bars against the approach of Satan. Watchfulness at one point while others are neglected will not avail. The careless neglect of one sentinel will imperil the entire army. The neglect to guard one path to the fortress may prove the loss of the city." (Letter 32, June 14, 1876).

"Satan is determined to enslave every soul if he can; for **he is playing a desperate game** to win the souls of men from Christ and eternal life. Will you permit him to steal from you the graces of the Spirit of God, and plant in you his own corrupt nature? Or will you accept the great provision of salvation, and through the merits of the Infinite Sacrifice made in your behalf, become a partaker of the divine nature? "(Signs of the Times, June 15, 1891)

I urge you to spend time in the Word this summer. Precious light is shining on every page of the Word of God. It is **"the man of our counsel."** Let us go to the Word to find rest for our souls and wait patiently and actively for our Lord's return, knowing that our patience will not be in vain.

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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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Insights from an Unwise Farmer

by Dan Gabbert

n ancient king, greatly pleased with his court jester, gave him a ring as a gift. "Keep this," the king told him, "until you find a greater fool than you; then give it to him."

Years passed. The king, now old and sickly, was about to die. He called for his jester to come and amuse him.

"O king," the court fool exclaimed, "what is the trouble with you?" The king said, "I am soon going on a

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long journey." "When will you return?" asked the jester.

"I will never return," the king replied.

"Sir," the jester queried anxiously, "have you made preparation for the journey?"

The king paused a moment in sad reflection.

"Alas," he said slowly, "I have not." Incredulously, the court fool looked at the dying monarch. Slipping the ring from his own finger, he pressed it into the hand of his king. "Here, sir, take this," the simple one urged, "for surely anyone who would go on such a journey without preparation is a greater fool than I."

When Jesus was on earth, He told a story with a similar lesson. We read the account in Luke 12:16-20: The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

God called this prosperous man a fool. In *Thayer's Greek Dictionary*, the word translated 'fool' means "without reason, senseless, and foolish." How could God call such an individual

How could God call such an individual senseless and foolish? The man knew how to farm and raise good crops. He was determined to make ample provision for storage. He was rich. The world would call him wise and successful. Yet God called him a fool. Why?

Our first clue is found in verse 19, "And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." This man was a fool because he planned only for this present, fleeting life. Like the ancient king in our earlier story, he had made wise provisions for everything but his soul. God declares such actions senseless, foolish, and without reason.

This successful farmer was honest with everyone but God. He gave the Lord no credit. Deuteronomy 8:18 makes it very clear: "But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth." But this man forgot! Worldly activities and treasures became his sole concern. His time and thoughts were consumed with crops, livestock, barns, the latest farming technology—everything but God.

The Bible declares such a man a fool. Psalm 14:1 says, "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." This condition of the heart will over-

take anyone who chooses to allow the "lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" (1 John 2:15-17) to shut God out of his life. That person declares, "I need not worry about death and judgment. I am too occupied

with activities and time to be concerned about eternity!" However, the



Lord says that a person who makes every provision for this life but who fails to prepare for the next is "without reason, senseless, a fool." Whether we be rich or poor, there is an-

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other type of planting, harvesting, and storing going on that contains eternal consequences for each of us. *It is the farming done in the mind.* Whatever information we choose to consistently plant in our minds will produce

a corresponding harvest in words and actions. And, if treasured long enough, it will also be stored in the form of thought-habits that will ultimately determine our destiny.

Think about this: Proverbs 23:7 says, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Matthew 12:34-35 tells us, "for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." And Galatians 6:7 concludes, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

This vital truth is also communicated in *Christ's Object Lessons:*

The **defects cherished** in dealing with life's minor details pass into more important affairs. A man acts on the principles to which he has accustomed himself (356, emphasis added).

The *cherished defects*—our unChristlike thoughts and responses—stem from the unhealthy information we choose to store in



AD is fantastic! I have been an Adventist for quite a few years and my husband less time. We are enjoying and also learning more with your DVDs then we do at Church. Thank you!~J&CE

Dr. Veith is amazing. He has opened my eyes to so much more truth. Please have more of his talks. I tell everyone to watch him. Thank you. ~Anonymous

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We cherish your ministry and use your videos daily. Please keep us in your prayers.~J & SA the granary of our mind. Then, when we continue to think and respond to life situations with any of these cherished defects, unhealthy habits are developed that can ultimately lead us to reject our loving Saviour.

Jesus says in Matthew 16:26, "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" The rich man in the parable, with all his sharp handling of business affairs, failed to reckon with this spiritual reality: when we die, we take nothing with us. "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither," says Job 1:21. 1 Timothy 6:7 clearly says, "For we brought nothing into this world, and it

Neither wealth nor money can purchase anything beyond the grave.

is certain we can carry nothing out." At death, the pile of gold stored in the vaults of the world's richest man means

no more than the pile of gold stored in the desires of the mind of the most abject beggar. Neither wealth nor memory can purchase anything beyond the grave.

Here is eternity's basic bookkeeping law: "Death closes all accounts." Jesus declares that anyone who disregards this solemn truth is senseless, a fool! "This night," the parable states, "thy soul shall be required of thee" (Luke 12:20). The man's wealth could purchase no reprieve. In a moment, the accumulated possessions of a lifetime became worthless. At no price could he buy time to prepare for death. What an awful sentence



pronounced upon a man who did not want to die! He was just preparing to live! He was planning to "eat, drink, and be merry," but God said no. "This night thy soul shall be required of thee."

Dear reader, we are here today and gone tomorrow. None of us know what the next day will bring. "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1). We lay our plans and expect to carry them out. We hope everything will work out for our best interests. But many people postpone a relationship with the Eternal Life-Giver. They fill their minds with the cares of the world—leaving no time for the things of God—and then expect someday to leave the ways of the world and walk with God.

It's an awesome fact that science has made giant strides toward disease prevention and control. Many of the old "killers" have been subdued or

conquered. But all the genius of **Our only safe course is** the world's most brilliant minds cannot conquer death. Our only safe course is to always be

to always be ready.

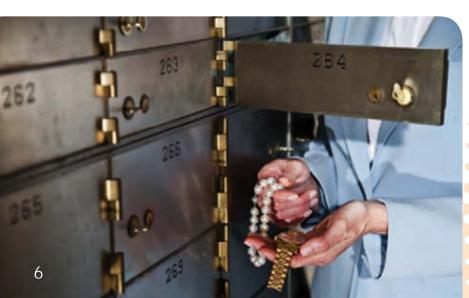
ready. Our Lord Jesus Christ calls to you and me in Matthew 24:44: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

Precious friends, Jesus is coming very soon! I'm so thankful none of us have to remain unprepared for this eternally life-

> changing event! To be in earnest about being ready at all times is the reasonable thing to do. This is the only safe course to follow!

You ask, how shall I begin? Steps to Christ gives us the place to start:

Consecrate yourself to God in the morning; make this your very first work. Let your prayer be, 'Take me, O Lord, as wholly Thine. I lay all my plans at Thy feet. Use me today in Thy service. Abide with me, and let all my work be wrought in Thee.' This is a daily matter. Each morning consecrate yourself to God for that day. Surrender all your plans to Him, to be carried out or given up as His

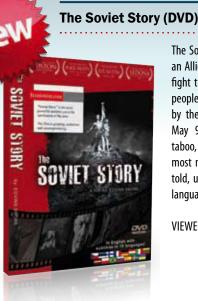


providence shall indicate. Thus day by day you may be giving your life into the hands of God, and thus your life will be molded more and more after the life of Christ (70).

Please heal me and infuse my heart with Your victorious character of love and faith as I fight to daily, faithfully, and earnestly study Your word to know You and Your ways. Thank You for causing me to triumph as You've promised in 2 Corinthians 2:14. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

Do not neglect to take a daily portion of time in the Bible getting to know our loving Lord and His ways more intimately. Don't let the days slip by with your mind totally occupied like the "thorny ground" hearers in Luke 8:14 who hear God's Word, but "go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection." Rather, choose to be a "good ground" hearer, "which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience" (Luke 8:15). Think about it—where is your treasure?

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also (Matthew 6:20-21).



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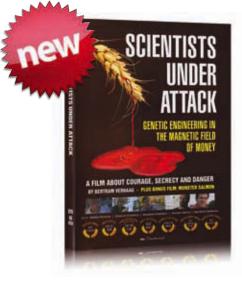
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GOD Speak

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od's people are undergoing an unprecedented spiritual shakeup. What lesson should we learn from this crisis? We reap what we sow. We have sown to the flesh, and of the flesh reap corruption. Wherein have we sown to the flesh? In placing the wisdom of man above the wisdom of God.

One danger every student of the Bible faces is the subtle trend among modern theologians to climb on the critic's perch and pose as an authority on spiritual things. But Jesus asks the man who is accustomed to be respected as a teacher of His people: "Art thou a master of Israel and knowest not these things?" In his first encounter with Christ, Nicodemus could not readily set aside his self-esteem and critical attitude. He challenged the truthfulness of Christ's statement on the new birth: "How can these things be?" These words of a proud scholar epitomize the thinking of modernist theologians. They sit on the judgment seat to pick flaws in God's word and propound their own theories as something superior. They virtually say to God, "We know more than You do."

What is True Scholarship?

As we associate with the learned men of the world and become impressed with their learning, we may fall easy captives to the sophistries of science falsely so-called. It is fashionable and respectable to take a critical attitude and to assume the airs of a wise man. And there are always people who will admire such men, encourage them in their conceit, and contribute to their popularity. Under such flattering influences one gradually feels self-important, and thinks he deserves the deference and respect of his brethren. He gets into the habit of indulging in worldly chatter and empty

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philosophizing, and disdain simply to repeat what others have been teaching. He would make a name for himself by doing some "creative" thinking and shed "new light" on God's Word. He must be original to deserve an academic award.

God indeed expects all to develop the creative powers He has given them, but only to build up, not to tear down. We are indebted to those true scholars who have done real, solid research work to verify historical facts and to find scientific evidence to fortify the positions of our faith, which would otherwise suffer under the attacks of our enemies. In this age of advancing knowledge it behooves every one of us to keep abreast of all scientific research and to be ready to meet the questions of the sincere inquirer, as well as those of less sincere opponents. Thus every gospel worker must respond to the urgent need to acquire more knowledge as a sophisticated world makes increasing demands upon him. But he must never lose sight of the fact that he is a man of God, and that he is acquiring knowledge for the purpose of witnessing for the truth—not to idolize himself.

Worldly Honor Versus Divine Approval

It is a deplorable fact, however, that some of our scholars have forgotten their indebtedness to Christ, and try to win popularity by criticizing and repudiating vital passages of Scripture, thus destroying the foundations of our faith. What is the underlying motive? It is found in the words, "Men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself." Psalm 49:18. It is the spirit of the world. A law of the unconverted heart is to love worldly honor and be ready to give it to others. Jesus summed it up in the words: "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?""I seek not mine own glory, there is one that seeketh and judgeth ... If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: It is my Father that honoureth me." John 5:43-44; 8:50, 54.

Here our Lord contrasts worldly recognition with divine approval. For God works on a principle opposed to the spirit of the world. He says, "Whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Luke 14:11. Christ gave us an example of true humility. It consists not merely in modest, self-effacing manners. For sometimes a humble demeanor, courteous words, and a generous attitude can be a cloak for the most obstinate form of spiritual pride. True meekness is manifest in unswerving devotion to God's will, and fidelity in communicating His word—keeping himself in the background and God's message in front.

Spokesman for God

The crux lies in the content of the message. Every preacher moved by spiritual pride strives to assert his ego. He must present something original to make a name for himself. Now hear what the Son of God has to say: "He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him." "I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things." John 7:18; 8:28. "I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me; he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak." John 12:49-50. In these words Christ was giving full proof of His Messiahship. His work was a precise fulfillment of God's promise: "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren... and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command Him." Deuteronomy 18:18.

Such a task appears slavish to the man who believes in asserting his individuality. It would seem that Christ had relinquished His personal identity to become nothing more than a public address system—an unthinking automaton with no ideas of his own. Is that so? No, definitely not! Here Christ is teaching us the only effective way to develop our God-given potentialities to the utmost. Man was made after the divine similitude, and it is only when he is fully integrated with, and absorbed in, the Word of God that he can attain to the full stature of a son of God. When we, like Jesus, are determined to LET GOD SPEAK through us, we become fully aligned with the mind of God, and His word flows through us

unhindered, and thus Christ's saying will come true: "Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." John 7:38.

The true servant

of God yearns for the honor of bearing His message to the world. It was this motive which prompted Christ wholly to submerge His individuality and say, I don't have a word of My own—every word I speak is transmitted to you from My Father. Christ propounded no new theory, invented no new "ism," established no new philosophy. He came simply to be God's spokesman. And that is why God has given Him a name which is above every name.

Christ propounded no new theory, invented no new "ism," established no new philosophy. Can we follow Christ here? Absolutely! In fact it was for us He set this example, to show us how to be a perfect servant. He wants us to know the supreme joy of serving God, so that we will pray, "Father, grant us the privilege of bearing Thy word for Thee." This joy in itself will be our exceeding great reward—a privilege which the angels enjoy—yea, which the Son of God enjoys. Father, deny us not this request.

Such a petition God cannot refuse. For in it He hears the voice of His only begotten Son, who once said to His disciples, "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:24.

The Son of man, who was equal with

Who are we, that we should assert ourselves to gain man's recognition at God's expense? God, purposed to eradicate His own will that the word of God might be exalted and His law magnified. Who are we, that we should assert ourselves to gain man's recogni-

tion at God's expense? And why should we disdain to be a mere public-address system if it is in God's service? Isaiah was even proud to be a "polished shaft" in the quiver of the Lord (Isaiah 49:2), and we should covet the same honor. As we eliminate every trace of self from our work and offer ourselves as clear channels through which God can communicate to His people, we shall witness a true revival of primitive godliness among us, and God's message will work wonders far and near.

Let God Speak to His People

Every minister possessing this spirit of Jesus is fitted to speak to God's people in His name. Before entering the pulpit, he waits patiently in God's presence to receive His blessing and instruction. In his preaching he will not flounder for want of something to say, nor will he feel he is there to entertain his congregation. Pity the poor preacher who must intersperse his sermons with silly witticisms to hold his audience, like a food vendor dashing on spices to cover up the smell of stale meat. Humorous sermons in the pulpit, laughter in the congregation, neutralize all spiritual gains and bring on a lukewarm condition. Whimsical words, the idle joke, facetious remarks, cheap anecdotes make worldlings laugh, angels to weep/spoil our worship by striking the wrong note.

Sons of Aaron, Nadab and Abihu put their incense on common fire. Pity the man who came to banquet smugly clothed in common attire. When you stand to speak in God's name, and His people are waiting to hear, know that holy watchers are present—choose your words in trembling and fear.

Perfecting Holiness in the Fear of God

A noticeable trend among us has been the one-sided emphasis on justification to the neglect of sanctification. Coming to Christ for forgiveness is made the sum total of the message of Christ our righteousness. All people want, it

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appears, is His imputed and not His imparted righteousness. Why? Because, some say, it is not possible to be holy. By this answer they imply that God is expecting too much of us by saying, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." Some even shy away from the words, "Follow

...holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Hebrews 12:14. They do not realize that the Lord justifies the penitent for the express purpose of sanctifying him. When probation closes, God will pronounce these solemn words:

> He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. Revelation 22:11.

The saved are righteous, and also holy. For an unjust penitent to be changed into a righteous man takes but a moment—God imputes to him the righteousness of Christ. Then begins the lifelong process of restoring God's holy image in the repentant soul—

"Christ in you, the hope of glory." Only thus can Christ our righteousness become a living reality and not an empty slogan. Sanctification through faith in Christ is God's central message to the world today.

The restoration of God's holy memorial—the seventh day Sabbath—stresses *sanctification*.

The ministry of our Lord in the Holy of Holies—stresses *sanctification*.

The Laodicean message as amplified in the Testimonies—stresses *sanctification*.

When we really LET GOD SPEAK, He says, "This is the will of God, even your sanctification." 1 Thessalonians 4:3.

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance

from dead works, and of faith toward God. Hebrews 6:1.



Some try to make justification by faith the sum total of the third angel's message. They quote this passage: "The message of Christ's righteousness is to sound from one end of the earth to the other to prepare the way of the Lord. This is the glory of God, which closes the work of the third angel." *Testimonies for the Church, vol. 6, 19.* But what is the specific content of "the message of Christ's righteousness?" Is it what the popular revivalists preach—"Only believe, and you are saved?" No. Read the immediate context of this quotation:

The law of God is to be magnified; its claims must be presented in their true, sacred character that the people may be brought to decide for or against the truth. Ibid.

All who attempt to set up righteousness by faith in opposition to the law of God, or as a substitute for keeping it, are making a grave mistake.

Why do some people willingly accept God's forgiving grace but not His sanctifying power?

Because they want to go on sinning and be saved in Christ has made full provision for us to live as He lived, fight as He fought, and win as He won.

their sins. They want God to give them a free ticket to heaven in spite of their incapacity to enjoy it. Thus they accept Christ as a goodluck charm that will guarantee their security irrespective of their moral condition. They do not really hate sin; so they cannot truly repent, and are far from being justified, let alone being sanctified.

Christ's victory over death was the result of an uninterrupted series of victories over sin in His life on earth. As He approached the last struggle with the prince of this world, He could say in triumph, "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me." John 14:30. So must it be with us. Christ has made full provision for us to live as He lived, fight as He fought, and win as He won. Would you know how anxious He is that we win as He won? He has made repeated promises to the overcomer.

Promises to the overcomer bespeak Jesus' dearest affection, telling us that He loves us truly, and works for our thorough conversion. All who

overcome temptation, and in His name take pride, have a place in New Jerusalem, and are counted as His bride.

He owns them before the Father; they shall walk with Him in white, He will not blot out their names from the recorded Book of Life. On their stone is a new name written; they shan't be hurt by the second death. They may eat of the hidden manna, and have access to the tree of life.

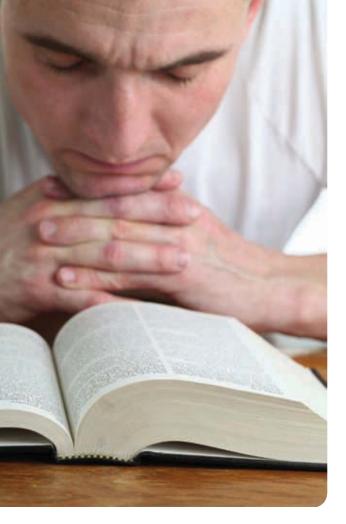
He makes them a pillar in God's house, writes them His Father's name, and whithersoever the Lamb goes, they shall follow in His train. As in Christ God gave

> His all, so Christ withholds no good from His own, no honor is too great for His bride—He gives her a place on His throne.

The Everlasting Gospel

Wherein does our teaching on "Christ our righteousness" differ from the gospel presented by the popular churches of our day? The difference lies primarily in the Sabbath truth. Ever since the law of God was proclaimed in its fullness—since 1844—the Seventhday Adventist Church has been God's sole agency on earth qualified to present a full and complete gospel. In Revelation 14 it is called "the everlasting gospel," because only a full and complete gospel can be everlasting.

Is this an empty boast? No, we feel our weakness and inadequacy keenly, and dare make no rash assertions; but the truth



remains, that whoever rejects the Sabbath cannot truly accept the Lord of the Sabbath, for that is Christ's mark of identification. He says to the last of the seven churches, "I am the beginning of the creation of God."

Today, as multitudes are assenting to the evolutionary origin of man, Christ appears before them as their Creator—the Lord of the Sabbath. Will you accept Christ? If so, you must accept His Sabbath. If you reject the Sabbath, you thereby reject its Lord and His righteousness. This equation is not of our inventing. Christ identifies Himself with the day He has sanctified, and to us He assigns the task of proclaiming this everlasting gospel: "Fear God, and give glory to him, for the hour of his judgement is come, and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Revelation 14:7.

Any gospel that preaches only Christ our Saviour but omits Christ our creator is a denatured gospel. Its proponents virtually say to Christ: We love You and Your teachings—You are wonderful! But—Your Sabbath—we don't want it. So they are obliged to preach Christ as detached from, and in opposition to, His Sabbath, thus distorting, yea, even counterfeiting His divine image. Hence their Christ is no longer what God's Word presents Him to be, but what they would prefer Him to be. In other words, they don't really know Christ, and in the end He will say to them, "I know you not."

But, some will argue, Paul "determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." God is proclaiming the everlasting gospel today precisely because the world has crucified their Creator and His Sabbath. Peter once said to the Jews, "God hath made that same Jesus, whom

Any gospel that preaches only Christ our Saviour but omits Christ our creator is a denatured gospel. ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." Acts 2:36. Today we say to the world, "God has made the Sabbath, which you have trampled, His sign of sanctification." It is the divine purpose in this time of the end to resurrect

the downtrodden Sabbath and make it the seal of perfection on the foreheads of all true servants of God.

Some Adventists who are impressed with the "dynamic" preaching of "dynamic" preachers of other churches wonder if we may not be too much concerned over "side issues," if we shouldn't drop these "minor points" and get back into the "mainstream" of modern Christianity. This attitude is typical of Adventists who have lost their vision of our historic task and the substance of the everlasting gospel.

The everlasting gospel is the gospel of Him who is the beginning and the end. It begins with the Creation, ends with the Judgement. These are not minor, but principal issues and all who proclaim the everlasting gospel are in God's mainstream.

Seventh-day Adventists are uniquely qualified to present a perfect image of Christ: Christ our Creator, the Lord of the Sabbath; Christ the Lamb of God slain as our substitute; and Christ our High Priest serving in the Holy of Holies. Our gospel is everlasting, embracing the past, the present, and the future, and freighted with gripping realities of the coming showdown between Christ and Satan.

Therefore:

LET GOD SPEAK to His people through His Sabbath. "It is a sign between me and you throughout your

The everlasting gospel is the gospel of Him who is the beginning and the end.

generations that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you." Exodus 31:13.

LET GOD SPEAK to His people from His sanctuary. "Ye shall afflict your souls... For on the day shall the priest make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the Lord." Leviticus 16:29, 30.

LET GOD SPEAK to His people in the *Testimonies*. All the talk about verbal and thought inspiration is enough. We need to take the books down from the shelf, blow the dust off and

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read carefully to hear Him say, "Those who have clean hands and pure hearts shall be able to stand; My grace is sufficient for you." *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 1, 60.

God's Will is Heard

The issue is clear enough. Satan's studied effort is to stifle God's voice. He has launched a three-pronged offensive against the investigative judgement, the Sabbath reform, and the gift of prophecy. And he seems to be having some success. His attack on our doctrine of the 2300 days is coordinated with a campaign to hush all talk on sanctification and perfection; he has convinced some of our scientists that the creationist positions are no longer tenable; then he tries to probe that Ellen White was a plagiarist.

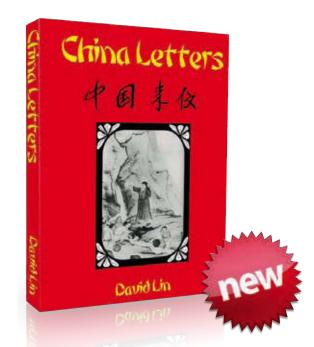
In the face of the devil's rabid attacks, the forces of truth must not falter. In the face of the devil's rabid attacks, the forces of truth must not falter. We must unite under the bloodstained banner of Prince Immanuel and push the battle to hell's

gates. We must let God's voice shatter the conspiracy of silence on sanctification and say to His people:

"Be Ye Holy, for I Am Holy."

In the face of forbidding circumstances we will take courage. Remember Jesus in Pilate's judgment hall. Judas has betrayed Him. Peter had denied Him, and other disciples had fled in cowardice. The mob was crying, "Crucify Him!" He was soon to be executed. But Jesus did not falter. He said, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. He that is of the truth heareth My voice." He never lost sight of His mission, and was sure that His voice would be heard. So too should we ground our faith on the certainty of our God-appointed task and know that we shall win. Wherever God's voice is heard, "he that is of the truth" will respond and obey. Our primary concern must be to LET GOD SPEAK.

David Lin, May, 1981



This long awaited book is a collection of David Lin's articles and letters. They are deeply rooted in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, and are a joyous affirmation of the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

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Living in Love

by Randy Skeete

When God created humans, He created them in His own image and set out a standard of righteousness that was to last forever. This series, entitled *Living in Love*, is meant to reacquaint us with God's image in order to restore the rightful place of His law and love in the lives of His people.

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Breathing the Right Air

The information and research cited in this article is all taken from Rudy and Jeanie Davis' lecture "Just Because You're Alive Doesn't Mean You're Breathing ... Properly!" unless otherwise noted. It has been condensed and edited by Amazing Discoveries.

ow many of us wake up each morning and think about our breathing?

Probably not many, as we take this basic life function for granted. According to Drs. Rudy and Jeanie Davis, we should put more thought into the air we breathe. As the title of their lecture states, "Just because you're alive doesn't mean you're breathing ... properly!"

Proper breathing improves many areas of health. It nourishes our organs with oxygen, builds up immunity, and improves circulation and digestion. More generally,

Breathing properly means being, releases tension and breathing in oxygen-rich, and helps us sleep better. negatively charged air.



it increases feelings of wellstress, alleviates physical pain,

Simply having good posture increases the flow of

oxygen throughout the body. If you are constantly hunched over at a computer for work, the lungs cannot fully expand and take in as much air. The more we get into the habit of superficial breathing, the more the lungs lose their power to expand.

Improper breathing can lead to depression, fatigue, heart attacks, chronic pain, and even cancer. As Dr. W. Spencer Way states in the Journal of the American Association of Physicians, "Insufficient oxygen means insufficient biological energy that can result in anything from mild fatigue to life-threatening disease."

So what does proper breathing entail?

The type of air you inhale makes a difference to your health. Breathing properly means breathing in oxygen-rich, negatively charged air. A charged atom or molecule is called an **ion**, and there are both positive and negative ions in the air. Positive ions have more protons (+) than electrons (-) in the nucleus, whereas negative ions have more electrons (-) than protons (+).

A negative charge is usually attached to oxygen molecules and a positive charge to all poor air quality molecules, such as carbon dioxide molecules. Air molecules can gain or lose electrical charges due to sunlight, radiation, and moving air and water. When two materials come in contact, the electrons move from one material to the other, leaving an excess of positive charge on one material, and a negative charge on the other. Negative air ions tend to concentrate near rivers and waterfalls because of the contact and disturbance of water molecules.

Other places typically rich in negative ions are up in the mountains, on the beach, in forests, where lightning has just struck, or in the country. There are usually at least 2000 negative ions per cubic centimeter in these environments, whereas a typical office will only have about a few hundred negative ions per cubic centimeter. Since North Americans spend approximately 90% of their day indoors, we consume a lot of positive ions that have potentially harmful results on our health.

In summary, negative ions are good for your health and positive ions are bad—but why?

A helpful way to remember this paradox is that positive ions = **p**oor air quality, whereas **n**egative ions are **n**ourishing for you. Negative ions purify the air whereas positive

ions—found on floating contaminants like pollen, mold, spores, and dust—pollute the air. In addition to air quality, positive and negative ions affect our moods—for



better or worse. Positive ions (bad quality air ions) are known to cause an overproduction of serotonin, which is a neurotransmitter that helps the body deal with mental, emotional, and physiological stress. An overproduction

initially causes hyperactivity, which rapidly leads to anxiety and, in some cases, depression. Other symptoms include sleeplessness, irritability, nausea, heart palpitations, hot flashes, dizziness, tension, and migraines.

In contrast, negative ions are nicknamed "happy ions" because they contribute to better moods, more energy, and an overall sense of well-being. Have you ever wondered why a trip to the beach or a hike up a mountain is so refreshing, or why a trip to the country is liberating after the traffic and congestion of a busy city day? The scenery isn't the only factor contributing to your good mood. Studies have shown that people who spend time in environments with a high concentration of negative ions are less likely to be depressed. Instead, they'll have more energy and sleep better. Negative ions also prevent the overproduction of serotonin, thereby reducing the likelihood of migraines.

One study done by Columbia University shows how negative (good quality) air ions act like natural anti-

Positive ions = poor air quality Negative ions = nourishing for health

depressants. Twenty-five people with SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) sat in front of a negative ion air purifier for a half hour every morning for a month. Half the subjects were given a low level of negative ions, and the other half a high level. The higher level of negative ion treatment proved to be as effective against SAD as anti-depressants (such as Prozac and Zolof) and without the side effects of these drugs. ¹



- Textiles and clothing for permanent press and stain resistance
- Household cleaning products (carpet and rug cleaners, disinfectants, dish washing detergents, floor cleaners and polish
- Building supplies like vinyl flooring, doors, decking, plywood, and particle board
- Cosmetics and personal care products (shampoos, conditioners, nail polishes and nail polish removers)
- Materials like plastics, foam insulation, mirrors, resins, and industrial chemicals

Another indoor air chemical, **benzene**, is used as a solvent and can be found in plastics, dyes, rubbers, detergents, and gasoline. It can cause respiratory and psychological problems, liver and kidney damage, as well as diseases to the blood and lymphatic systems.

Like benzene, **xylene** is also used as a solvent as well as a cleaning agent—most often in the plastic and computer industries. Xylene causes itchy, irritated skin on contact, but the most toxic effects result from exposure through inhalation, often leading to dizziness, headaches, coughing, wheezing, and difficulty breathing.

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Indoor Air Pollutants

Positive ions tend to gather indoors, making these environments risky for your health. Among the many indoor air pollutants harmful to inhale, **formaldehyde** is a particularly dangerous one that is the leading cause of asthma. Formaldehyde can enter the environment through natural sources (such as forest fires) and human activities like smoking tobacco, burning automotive and other fuels, and residential wood burning. This known irritant causes symptoms such as allergic reactions, nausea, burning eyes, headaches, and respiratory problems. Thousands of consumer items are manufactured with formaldehyde, such as:

Did you know?

Brazilian Blowout hair products are reported to use unsafe levels of formaldehyde. The products are popular for straightening hair as formaldehyde helps bind keratin to hair.

For more information , visit http://www.fda.gov/Cosmetics/ProductandIngredientSafety/ProductInformation/ucm228898.htm (USA) or http://www. hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/_2011/2011_56-eng.php (CAN).

How to Grow Your Own Fresh Air

Despite the bad state of indoor air, there are ways we can help improve the quality of the air we breathe indoors. Whenever possible, throw open the windows of your home to allow the health-giving fresh air to penetrate the rooms and sweep away the positivelycharged poor quality air. Keeping your window open at night is an excellent idea to aid in sleep and improve the quality of the air you breathe.

In addition, God has provided a number of powerful natural air purifiers that we can bring into our homes to help keep them fresh. These air purifiers? Plants! Several varieties of plants help reduce indoor air pollutants such as formaldehyde, carbon monoxide, xylene, and benzene by absorbing these contaminants in the air. Since

negative ions form through the contact of water molecules and because plants emit water vapors, plant leaves produce negative ions in the air that are beneficial to our health.

Dr. Bill Wolverton, a former senior research scientist at NASA, conducted plant studies in an attempt to improve the air quality inside confined spaces such as space pods. His study found that many plants effectively combat indoor pollutants and clean the air inside homes, offices, and indoor public spaces.

The following chart lists some indoor plants that help produce fresh, negatively charged air. Note that the removal rate is based on how the plants responded to contaminants in a sealed chamber. For a home or office environment, several plants may be required for the same effect, and removal rate may vary with plant size and growth medium.

| | Plant Name | Туре | Pollutants Removed | Removal Rate (micrograms/hr) | Placement/ Care Instructions |
|-----|--|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| | Arcea Palm (Chrysalidocar- pus lutescens) | Upright perennial | Formaldehyde Xylene | 938 654 | Most effective when put in carpeted rooms or those with freshly varnished furniture. Requires year-round warmth, humidity, and filtered sunlight. |
| THE | Boston fern (Nephrolepsis Exaltata) | Hanging perennial | Formaldehyde Xylene | 1863 208 | Place in newly furnished or carpeted room for best results. Grows best in medium to bright light. Water when soil is dry. |
| | Janet Craig (Dracaena deremensis) | Upright perennial | Formaldehyde Xylene | 1361 154 | Especially effective in newly carpeted or furnished rooms. Needs bright to medium light. Keep soil evenly moist. |
| | English ivy (Hedera helix) | Climbing perennial | Formaldehyde Xylene Benzene | 1120 131 Removed 90% from sealed chamber | Most effective in a freshly painted or carpeted room, but also in rooms with synthetic materials (computers, printers, fax machines) or ink. Grow in bright light. |

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| | Lady palm (Rhapis excelsa) | Upright perennial | Formaldehyde | 876 | Easy to grow (even in winter as it's a toler- ant plant) but grows slowly, often to more than 14' in height. |
| | Spider plant (Chlorophytum comosum) | Trailing perennial | Formaldehyde Xylene Carbon monoxide | 560 268 Removed over 96% from sealed chamber | Useful in kitchens and near fireplaces where carbon mon- oxide accumulates. Easy to grow in bright to medium light. |
| | Dwarf date palm (Phoenix roebelenii) | Upright perennial | Formaldehyde Xylene | 1385 1610 | This slow-growing plant requires a bright location free of drafts. |
| - | Peace lily (Spathiphyllum) | Upright perennial | Formaldehyde | 939 | Prefers indirect sunlight and high humidity. Place out of drafts and thoroughly water, allowing it to go moderately dry between waterings. |

Sources for this chart include Rudy and Jeanie Davis' lecture and the following websites: www.livingsoil.co/uk, www.wolvertonenvironmental.com, and www.eartheasy.com.

With these helpful plants, you can grow your own fresh air indoors and start **positively** benefitting from all those **negative** ions. Ellen White reminds us in *Counsels on Health*, "Your lungs, deprived of air, will be like a hungry person deprived of food. Indeed, we can live longer without food than we can without air, which is the food that God has provided for the lungs." (p. 54)

With summer upon us, let's get outside as much as possible to enjoy the fresh air, sunshine, and beautiful creation God has given us so that we will be alive and breathing properly!



Report on India

by Nettie Gill

>> Getting There

We left Vancouver airport on November 16, 2011, and arrived in Frankfurt, Germany, on November 17. There we boarded another airline and had to go through security again. I had about 125 pairs of eye glasses with me and security was eager to know what all the wires from the frames were for. I explained that we were taking glasses to give to the villagers in India. Satisfied with that explanation, they let us go.

We arrived in Bangalore on the morning of November 18 at 1:30 a.m. We then had a 4 ½-hour wait before leaving for Hyderabad, arriving there at 7:30 a.m. From there we flew to a city near our orphanage an hour from Bayyavaram. Pastor Daniel, the director of the orphanage and a local church leader, met us at the airport and took us to the Healing Balm of Gilead Refuge Home where we finally rested after our long journey. The entire journey from Vancouver took about 36 hours.

>>The Orphanage

We started our work in **the Rajahmundry Conference** where the orphanage is located. The orphanage has about



As many of you read in our Winter 2011 issue, Amazing Discoveries speaker Victor Gill and his wife Nettie took a trip to India in Nov 2011. They were asked to come to India by several SDA Conferences to train Seventh-day Adventist as well as non-SDA pastors in theology and leadership. Training sessions were held in several locations. In addition, Victor and Nettie were asked to do evangelism in two locations—each consisting of 25 villages—and they also helped at the Balm of Gilead orphanage and school to visit with the children, attend the official opening, run VBS, and encourage the people. Reuben Lorenson, a retired missionary from Canada, accompanied the Gills to give medical care and health talks to the Indian people.



70 orphans and semi-orphans. Semi-orphaned children are those who have only one parent, who us unable to care for and provide for their child. Our facility has consented to help these families with their dilemma.

The orphanage receives a lot of requests for this service and many of them are turned down. While I was there, a young couple came to see if they could admit their two children. The mother has multiple sclerosis. She is becoming more and more uncoordinated and as the husband is working hard to provide

medicine for her and food for the family, they asked if our orphanage could help them by taking in the children. I felt for this couple as it was easy to see that they had some major problems, and I hope their children were accepted as we had to leave before they made their final decision.

I stayed at the orphanage while Victor ministered to the SDA Pastors of the Conference. I ran a Vacation Bible School for the orphans after they were out of school. They loved hearing

the Bible stories and coloring pictures that correspond to these stories with the coloring books

One evening, we gave each child a beanie baby that we had brought from Canada. and pencil crayons I brought with me. I also taught the children a couple of English songs and how to play the bells. It was so wonderful to see the excitement on

the children's faces-they were thrilled with it all.

One evening, we gave each child a beanie baby that we had brought from Canada. How the children loved them! My sister Hilda had a collection and decided that something better should be done with them rather than keeping them stored in a cupboard. There were 157 in

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total, and I left a lot of them at the orphanage so that each new child would receive a beanie baby when they come to the orphanage.

>>The Orphanage School

While we were at the orphanage, we were involved in the official opening of the Balm of Gilead School—a school that serves not only the orphans but also the community. Located right beside the orphanage, this school can house up to 200 students. The whole community attended this service as they are extremely proud to have this educational facility now in their midst.

After the opening, we celebrated with a delicious meal of rice and curry. Before the meal, I went to the kitchen and saw some ladies sitting on the dirty floor cutting up the veg-

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etables for the curry. They had built a fire in the courtyard between the school and the orphanage, and were cooking the rice in the biggest pot I had ever seen—it was more like a barrel! The food was delicious and everyone had

something to eat.

Working in the school was challenging as the method of teaching children in India is completely foreign to our North American system. Instead of

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using reference books, teaching aids, maps, or any other visual material, the children learn by rote as books and materials are too expensive for schools to purchase. The children do, however, have government-issued workbooks that contain all their subjects, yet the material in these workbooks also frustrated me as many of the stories they study for literature come from the Hindu tradition. We had three Adventist teachers and one Hindu teacher working in this school.

Adventist teachers are hard to find, which I'll discuss in further detail later. Nevertheless, this Hindu teacher was sympathetic to the Gospel and so when asked to come to church every Sabbath and begin teaching children from the Bible, she complied. Her husband has even started coming to church as well.

One of the Adventist teachers at the school.

Children testing out the new chairs and desks in the new school,

This little boy kept running away from the orphanage. Every time he did the principal and teachers went in search of him, found him and brought him back. Each time they told him that God loves him and that they loved him, and that he doesn't need to run away. After several times, he finally decided he liked it at the orphanage, and that the people cared for him, and has decided to stay.

The boy in white shirt is named Amos. Amos' father had died around the time Amos was born, leaving him and his older brother alone with their mother. His mother chose a Biblical name for him even though she wasn't a Christian. She heard that the name was Biblical, and decided her boy would be taught about Christianity. His older brother had not been given a Christian name, and had been educated in a government school. She decided to send Amos to the Balm of Gilead school at the orphanage to get a proper education. Shortly after Amos enrolled in the school, his mother was hit by a car and killed, leaving Amos an orphan. Thankfully, he was already in the orphanage, and getting a Christian education just as his mother had wished. Amos still grieves for his mother, and is coming to terms with his loss. What a miracle that this mother's foresight placed this young boy in the right place at the right time.



Sabbath morning

service at the

orphanage.





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Pastoral Work

Victor held a training session for the 70 non-Adventist pastors in the area, teaching them the Three Angels' Messages. This training session lasted for four all-day sessions. The evenings

were spent ministering to the people of the village near the orphanage. There were anywhere from 400 to 500 villagers that came to these evening meetings. In the end, thirteen of these pastors accepted the Adventist message.

At the Rajahmundry Conference headed by Elder Paaka, in addition to the work we had already done in this conference, Victor held a pastor's seminar teaching the pastors the distinct Seventhday Adventist message. Many of these 240 pastors did not know our message as they should and were

not properly trained for their positions as pastors. The work has grown so quickly in India that people with leadership abilities have been given pasto- as they should and ral roles that they now need to be equipped for. Victor had four trained for their pofull days with them, preaching six to eight hours every day.

After the fourth day, they

had a worker's meeting and Victor preached to roughly 300 pastors, laying a burden on their hearts to be faithful in spreading the Three Angels' Messages in their districts. I also spoke to them reminding them that God wants them to be healthy not only in body, but in mind and spirit. I also had another occasion to do some preaching

myself, on the second Sabbath at the orphanage where I was asked at the last minute to give the sermon. Good thing I had started preparing a talk on the Sleeping Church and the Ten Virgins before I had left home—this was what I spoke on and I hope the people were blessed by it.

From here we went to **the Ongole Conference**. The Conference President, John Victor, has a burden for training the pastors properly in our message. He even arranged for his pastors to come to a seminar where they were to be trained in our core message. They are building a training center on the grounds of the Conference Office and are planning to give the pastors proper training. Victor's training session lasted four days and again he preached to them for up to eight hours a day.

It was here we heard the unfortunate news that many of the churches that were built by various teams that came to India to evangelize were now

closed. We encouraged the Conference to work longer with the people as we recognized that many had been prematurely baptized lohn Victor translating fo



Conference.



Women's ministries in pastor's training in Guntur

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When we visited these churches, church members would come to see what we were up to. Victor had the opportunity to speak to them and encourage them to be faithful to God and to the truth. On a positive note, many of the Conference presidents and church pastors mentioned to Victor that they had never properly understood the Seventh-day message before and were eager to learn it.

In the Ongole Conference, Victor and I hired an optometrist to travel with us to examine the villagers' eyes and distribute the eye glasses we had brought with us from Canada. We gave out 97 pairs of glasses to happy and grateful recipients.

>>First-Village Series Evangelism

One of the villages in this area (**Pallamalia**) had been chosen as the site for an evangelistic crusade Victor had been asked to do that involved delivering talks to 25 surrounding villages. Evangelism in India is different than in the West. The series usually takes place outdoors under tents that have to be rented, and facilities for a

Pastors at the pastoral training wait in line for food. Pastors at the pastoral training wait in line for food. and that is why they were leaving the churches or lowering the standards of the faith to suit their needs. We also learned that a number of churches were only open on Sundays, which shows how these people are not being properly taught the doctrines of our faith. For instance, if people have to work on the Sabbath, they will hold their church service on Saturday

When we visited these churches, church members would come to see what we were up to.

evening or even Sunday morning. Simply for convenience sake, these churches are sacrificing truth to accommodate people instead of firmly standing for truth, no matter the cost. We even

heard that some Sunday-keeping pastors have been hired by our Conferences to fill in for our churches as pastors—this is unacceptable! In addition to these serious doctrinal matters, when we visited many of these churches, we were also deeply saddened by how many buildings needed repairs and painting. The churches were in a very sorry condition—windows were broken, weeds were growing up, and many other repairs were needed.

People attending 1st evangelistic series.

people need to be prepared. We were pleased with the arrangements that had been made. A local family made sure everything was neat and well planned. They even had port-a-potties brought in for the public. The first evening approximately 2200 people attended. The next evening 2500 people came, and then 3000. On the last evening there were 4000 who came to hear the message. These meetings began with a Bible story and memory verse given by me, followed by a health talk by Reuben Lorenson, and then Victor's lecture.

Many decisions were made at these meetings. Thirtyseven people were baptized on the last day of the meetings. The reason for such a small number in comparison to the

Adventists who came to see us as we were investigating one of Adventists who came to see us as we were investigating one of the deserted churches. We spoke to them and encouraged them to stay faithful. number of people who attended is due to the fact that we interviewed the candidates before baptizing them as we wanted to ensure the converts were grounded and sincere in their faith. Many Indians were interested in having "a

holy bath," but Victor refused to baptize them if it turned out they were seeking more of a euphoric experience or acceptance from us rather than a genuine, public declaration of their faith in Christ. A common problem when evangelists come to India to build

churches, gain converts, and baptize hundreds of people is that these churches soon become vacant and new converts fall away because they have not been properly grounded in the truth. Victor and I hoped to reduce the likelihood of this occurring by spending more time building into the people and growing them up in the Word.

By the time the meetings were completed on December 21, 2011, the Christmas season was drawing near and everyone's thoughts were on the holiday season. So we had some time off and then waited for the New Year celebrations to be completed before we began to work with the people again. On the Sabbath, we went to various churches and

Victor preached to the people there.

In the New Year, we moved on to **the Guntur Conference** region. Here Maranatha has built some beautiful buildings to be used as a school. How I wished that I was 10 or 20 years younger! I would love to be part of the school's development. I thought of the young people in our schools in North America and could envision them working as student missionaries in these villages and schools. What a wonderful work they would be able to do! How they could cause the work in India to grow and flourish! There are many things that I would like to see changed there, but what can one do in just a few months?



These Hindu teachers bring with them their own philosophies, giving the children mixed messages.

The challenge with the Maranatha ministry, however, is that while Maranatha builds great facilities for churches and schools, it is up to the locals to fill these schools with teachers and the churches with pastors, and there is often a major shortage. In

> the schools, we do not have enough SDA teachers and, as a result, many of the children are being taught by Hindu teachers. These Hindu teachers bring with them their own philosophies, giving the children mixed messages. As I mentioned earlier, we had a Hindu teacher working at the orphanage

school with us.

We had the same program in Guntur as we had previously in Ongole. Pastor training sessions were held, up to eight hours a day with the pastors of the region. We also had a few non-

SDA pastors who attended and who were very appreciative of the messages. With tears in their eyes, they thanked Victor for his talks.

>>The Untouchables and the Caste System

The caste system is a major problem in India. This social hierarchy consists of rulers, priests, and academics at the top and the "untouchables" at the very bottom. The untouchables get their name from the low nature of their jobs that make them "impure" and therefore "untouchable" to the rest of society. Victor and I visited one village of untouchables (that had an SDA church but no pastor) where we saw them sifting through garbage and collecting bottles and paper for recycling to try and earn a meagre living. This was their only job. None of them can read or write and they have no money to see a doctor. The need to help these people is so great here, as they live in shelters made of tarps and rags and many of their villages lack wells. Children who grow up in these villages have no possibility to overcome





This man is a chief of one of the surrounding villages. His wife and daughter were Adventist, but they were the only practicing Adventists in the village, as all the others had already given up on their faith. This man's wife and daughter kept their faith alive. The chief attended the 25-village series and became convicted that he too wanted to become a Seventh-day Adventist. Now he and his family will be shining lights in their village.

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their situation and forge a different life than their parents'. The upper classes are not willing to help them out either, as from what I gathered about Hindu beliefs, they believe the untouchables must suffer in this life now because of karma in order to rise to a higher level in the next life.

It is very difficult to watch how the lower classes are treated. Many times when we drove by, we saw people lying on the side of the road near death, and yet no one was taking care of them. In fact, they had been carried out there to die because they were of a lower class and this is their lot. I would encourage some daring young

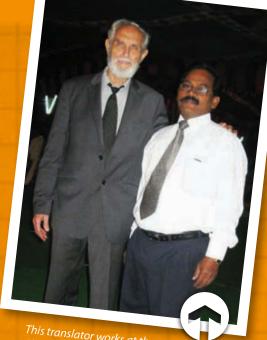
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person who wants to make a difference in the world to come to India watch how the lower and live with these people, teaching them practical skills such as reading, writing, and sanitation, as well as feed

> their spiritual lives with a message of hope that God loves everyone no matter his or her socio-economic status. The Lombardy people are one tribe of untouchables. There are 120 villages amongst the Lombardy people who have never heard the name of Jesus. One young non-Adventist pastor who works with the Lombardy tribes asked if there was any way that we could come and teach them the way of salvation. Incidentally, when we were working with Elder Paaka, he also wanted to know if there was anything we could do for these people. He has a real burden for them. There was nothing we could do right then, as we did not have any more time and our money was all tied up with the programs we were running. We actually had to send out an SOS for more funds so that the second program could become a reality. Much to our gratitude, you, our supporters, were very generous, and within two weeks, the money came in and was used to pay for the second 25-village series as well as to train another group of pastors and help with church repairs.

>>Marriage Customs

In addition to their hierarchical caste system, India has many customs that I would dearly like to see discarded. In



This translator works at the Christian TV station.

One of Victor's translators was a preacher on a Christian TV Station. This man told an interesting story: A couple worked on programming for a TV station. One night, the wife had a dream that her and her husband must start their own TV channel with Christian content. When she awoke, she told her husband of the dream, and they decided to follow the instructions in her dream. Soon they had many Christian denominations that were booking time on the channel. The SDAs also purchased time on this channel to broadcast the Three Angels' Messages. When the other denominations found out the SDAs were purchasing time on the channel, they complained to the TV station owner and threatened to withdraw their programs. The owner asked them, "What do you have against these people?" They answered the SDAs were a cult, differed on the death question, followed a woman, and, most importantly, kept Saturday instead of Sunday.

The Seventh-day Adventists had also come to the meeting, and so the owner turned to them and asked, "Can you tell us why you keep the Saturday Sabbath?" This was just the opportunity the Seventh-day Adventists were praying for. They gave an in-depth Bible study on the Sabbath, discussing its importance and why we keep it on Saturday instead of Sunday. After the Bible study, the station owner turned to the other denominations and asked them, "Can you show us from the Bible why you keep the Sunday Sabbath?"

Unfortunately, they could not, and as the owner realized they were unable to prove their beliefs from the Bible, he told them, "These SDA people are not the cult—you are. They have proved to me the truth of their beliefs, and I am going to give them a 50% discount on their programming."

What a victory for God and His truth.

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the poorer, uneducated villages, it is still the custom for young girls, 13 or 14 years of age, to be married. I was told that many of these young girls die in childbirth within a year or two of being married. How my heart aches for these girls! We were called upon to pray with two young women that were pregnant. One was nineteen years old and had a three-year-old child, and the other was tweny-one and had two children, four and two years old. Neither of these young women were able to read. They had never been to school and had never had the opportunity to learn. They had both been married at a very young age, and they were

People at the Baptist church 2nd series.



Pastor Gill preaching in 2nd series.

People arriving on trucks from surrounding villages.

some of the fortunate girls who made it through their first childbirth experience.

>>Second-Village Series Evangelism

The village where we held the second 25-village series was in **Garnepudi in the Guntur Conference**. We heard an interesting story about the grounds on which we were

to hold our meetings. When the village was first started, all the people were Hindus. They decided that they would build a temple for a ferocious goddess

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who drinks human blood. They set aside a half acre of land for this temple. But before work on the temple could begin, some Baptist Christians came and told them about Jesus. Now the village was divided and the temple was never built. Instead, the Baptists built a nice church that seats about 300 people just a short distance from the half acre.

Along came the Seventh-day Adventists a few years later who built a church that would seat about 150 people. For some reason, a lot of the people in the village decided they preferred worship-

> ping with the Seventh-day Adventists and now the Baptist church sits nearly empty with very few Sunday services being held.

The village decided that they would give this half acre to the Seventh-day Adventists. They want us to build a school for their people on this land as there is no school in the area for their children. They told us we could set up our large meeting tents there so we could seat between 2000-4000 people. But before that could happen, dirt had to be brought in to build up this lowlying area, which collects water when it rains. Once this was done, our Adventist people set up for our meetings.

The day of the opening of our meetings, an unexpected cyclone came through the area. Torrents of rain poured down in the Bapatla area. We prayed the rain would not come to the area where we were having the

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meetings. All day the clouds did not drop rain in that area. We arrived at the site for our first meeting and it was still dry. When the trucks came to bring the people, however, it began to rain in torrents. We prayed that the Lord would stop the rain, but it didn't happen. We had to cancel our evening meeting and sent the people home.

One of the drivers that drove Victor and Nettie around in India was impressed that they prayed each time before embarking on their journey. The traffic laws in India are basically nonexistent, so praying before you drive is always a good idea! The driver noticed that when they prayed, his drive went better. He became aware that Victor and Nettie prayed in their rooms before they left. Soon the driver got into the regular habit of asking Victor and Nettie if they had prayed before taking off. Regardless if they had, he would still ask (or tell) them, "You pray before we go" and Victor and Nettie were always willing to comply and pray once more with the driver.

Reuben Lorenson testing blood pressure.

An old lady in the village told us that the reason why we had the cyclone and terrible rain storm was because the Hindu goddess was very angry with us for using the grounds where her temple was to be built for Christian meetings.

Now we faced a big problem. Where would we have our meetings because the ground was so wet? The answer came from an unexpected source—the village elders said we should use the Baptist church for our meetings until the ground was dry again. That is what we did. The people added a lean-to on the side of the church and put chairs for the people to sit, and the next evening the meetings began. We used the church for two meetings and then the ground was dry enough for us to continue the meetings on the temple grounds under the canopies.

The attendance at the second 25 village meetings was not as good as the first set of meetings. We had anywhere from 800 to over 2000 people who came out to hear the messages. At the first series, many attendees had been illiterate. In fact, when we visited the villages and the people gathered at the churches, Victor often asked how many of them could read, and often there wasn't anyone who could. But for this second series, many people came with their Bibles and were diligent in looking up the Bible texts.

When Victor made calls at these meetings, many hundreds of hands went up indicating they wanted to follow the Lord. Thus, despite the old lady's warning about the Hindu goddess' anger, the Lord bestowed His blessings on these meetings and the many people who attended.

Again, we did not baptize all those who were interested as they required additional follow-up. Instead, we asked the Gunter Conference to send Bible workers to disciple those who indicated interest in further Bible studies.

>>Health Talks

Reuben Lorenson helped us deliver health education talks in the villages for the 25-village series Many people in India have

> health struggles with beetle nut, alcohol, and drug addiction. Reuben discussed AIDS, cleanliness, eating right, burying feces, washing hands, and other helpful and practical sanitation tips. Since Reuben returned to Canada by the second village series, we had to find someone else to give the health lectures. It so happened that we attended a wedding before the meetings began and met an American couple, the Senners. Wayne Senner had a health program that he had used in India before and he consented to come and help us with the health messages. We were so thankful the Lord supplied someone for the second series.

Final Thoughts

There are many more stories I could share, but I hope what I have selected has given you a small taste of what God is doing in His churches and people throughout India. He works in big and small ways and we hope these stories of His faithfulness recorded here encourage you in your own relationship with the Lord.

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to all those who helped make this mission venture possible with your financial and prayer support. God bless you all and be assured that souls will be in the Kingdom because of your sacrificial giving.

Do you have a heart for ministry?

Would you like to make a difference in someone's world? The land of India is waiting for you. People are dying in systems and beliefs that offer no hope. Many cannot read and have no way of knowing the good news of salvation. The land of India is waiting for young and old alike who have a passion for others and who want to make a difference in this world. No formal education is required. All you need is a sacrificial heart, a willingness to live without the comforts of home, and a love for adventure!

There are so many people who need to receive the gift of life that God freely gives to everyone. Won't you consider sharing your resources and the riches God has blessed you with—riches of education, knowledge, talent, and even money—with others? Someday Jesus will ask what we have done for the poor and destitute. May your response to Him be one of service to others.

> If you are interested in serving as a missionary, contact Adventist Frontier Missions, the General Conference, or your church. Or talk to us about ways you can support our existing work in India.

Agenda 21 Still Making

world news



Headlines Source: Huffington Post, May 17, 2012

Although passed in 1992, Agenda 21 is still alive and debated today. This agenda is the outcome of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Calling itself "a comprehensive plan of action" for sustainable or smart growth, Agenda 21 is the United Nations' global action plan on sustainability.

A key feature of this action plan that causes concern is the Agenda's restriction and regulation of private property, believing humans are not good stewards of the earth. One need not look far to

find a recent example of the debate still stirring around this Agenda. In May 2012, the House of Representatives in New Hampshire voted 201 to 99 in favour of a ban against implementing some

of the Agenda's measures, including bike paths, hiking trails, and parks. The rezoning and planning processes required for these changes would impact some peoples' property rights.

Read More: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/05/17/un-agenda-21-newhampshire-ban_n_1524285.html

'Father' and 'Son' Ousted from the Trinity in New Bible Translations Source: Yahoo! News, Jan 27, 2012

A controversy is brewing over three reputable Christian organizations, which are based in North America, whose efforts have ousted the words "Father" and "Son" from new Bibles. Wycliffe Bible Translators, Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) and Frontiers are under fire for "producing Bibles that remove 'Father', 'Son' and 'Son of God' because these terms are offensive to Muslims."

Concerned Christian missionaries, Bible translators, pastors, and national church leaders have come together with a public petition to stop these organizations. They claim a public petition is their last recourse because meetings with these organizations' leaders, staff resignations over this issue and criticism and appeals from native national Christians concerned about the translations "have failed to persuade these agencies to retain 'Father' and 'Son' in the text of all their translations."

Read More: http://news.yahoo.com/father-son-ousted-trinity-bibletranslations-003300519.html

SPECIAL REPORT

Feb 24 - April 7, 2012

Victor & Nettie Gill

Colorado Report

Victor and Nettie Gill recently returned from a trip to Colorado to host an evangelistic series. This spring's series was held in Longmont, Colorado for the Vista SDA Fellowship from February 24 – April 7. The Vista Church meets in the First Baptist Church in Longmont as they do not have a building of their own. This small church has approximately 30+ members, but they are very eager to spread the Three Angels' Message to those in the community.

ur first evening saw 40 nonmembers come to the Amazing Discoveries meeting. As this series was held in the Baptist Church, a number of their members came to hear the lecture. When some of these members found out it was put on by Seventh-day Adventists, they did not return, although a number of them continued to come. The second night approximately 27 non-members came and about 25 of these attended on a regular basis until the fifteenth night when the numbers dropped to 17 – 20 and stayed there until the end of the series.

Many of the people were really thrilled with what they learned. A number of individuals had been to other SDA meetings and knew what it was all about, but even these said they had not understood the messages like they now did.

Individual Testimonies

People from all walks of life attended the series. For example, one dear lady came who had a lot of personal issues from childhood. She was so broken and

told us of the abuse she suffered as a child. When welfare took her out of her home, she was placed in a foster home that sold her body for the sex trade for a period of nine years until she finally ran away.

One day she was at a laundromat, weeping because of her brokenness and from having never really known any love in her life. A young Mexican gentleman came in to do his laundry and asked what was troubling her. When she told him her story, he said, "I will marry you and take care of you." Two weeks later they were married. He is a very kind and gentle man who taught her how to love their sons when they were born and stayed with her through two nervous breakdowns. He has always tried to encourage her and give her self-worth. She said he was an angel that came in answer to her prayers for help, and she has now asked to be baptized and to join with God's Remnant Church. Her husband did not come to any of the meetings, but he does not oppose her in the decision she has made.

A young man living common law with his girlfriend attended the meetings. Since the girlfriend is involved with the New Age Movement and has become a channeler, she wasn't too happy with these meetings. We suggested that the young man separate and leave the relationship as the girlfriend was not at all interested in what he was involved with. Although this was a very difficult decision for him, he finally made the decision to leave and be baptized. We praised the Lord! He bought himself a little trailer and moved it to the place where he is working. He now lives there apart from his girlfriend.

Another attendee was an 80-year-old lady who looked like she was 60. This was her third series and she was attending church services quite regularly. When you looked at her, you wondered if she would ever be able to break with her past and be a part of the Adventist Church. She loved her jewelry and coordinated every outfit. We wondered how she would react to our stance on jewelry and began praying about it as we could see that the messages were really impressing her heart.



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One evening when we went to visit her, she was not wearing her jewelry. Vic felt he should approach the subject and so he asked her, "Have you ever noticed that the ladies of our church do not wear jewelry?" She replied, "Why no, I never noticed!" Then Vic went on to explain the Biblical stand on jewelry. She was absolutely shocked. She said, "Does it really say all that? I never knew that there were texts like those in the Bible. My, I hope that the people in church don't think I'm some sort of harlot!" We assured her they did not think that of her but loved her and were looking forward to her being a part of the church body. She said that from now on she would not wear it anymore as she did not want to dishonor the Lord. Vic baptized her the last Sabbath we were there.

A Baptist man came to the meetings night after night and sat in the front row. Apparently, one of the Baptist ministers asked him to go and see what these meetings were all about, and now he has requested baptism as well! He wants his daughter to be baptized with him, but as she did not attend very many meetings, she will need to be worked with further.

A number of people are attending church services as they are convicted on the Sabbath. They have not requested membership, but they will be worked with and prayed for until that becomes a reality. One of these individuals is an alcoholic who we are praying will gain God's victory over this addiction. She is a very talented lady who is involved in various artistic groups in the community. She is witnessing to her friends already about the things she has learned.

Another baptism is being planned for the last Sabbath in April. When Vic made the call at the baptism, six individuals stood indicating they wanted to be part of that baptism. There are others that believe and, in time, will take their stand as well. The Elder of the church and his wife hold Bible studies in their home each Friday evening as part of the follow-up. Last Friday evening they had 33 guests who attended. They always begin with a vegan supper for everyone and then sit down to study the Bible. This has been the couple's practice for about fifteen years. They are doing something a little different this time, however, by deciding to listen to Walter Veith's "Total Onslaught" series for their Bible study.

Please pray for the people of Longmont and the Vista SDA Fellowship. They are very much in earnest about seeing the work finished so that Jesus can come and take us all home together. We all have a part to play towards this end.

"It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel. Quickly the last harvest would be ripened and Christ would come to gather the precious grain." *Testimonies, Vol. 8, p. 22-23*.

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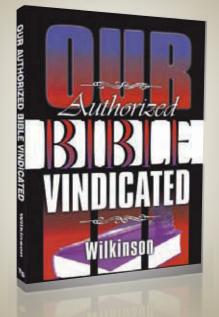
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An excerpt from the book:

Plans of Work Followed by the King James Translators

The forty-seven learned men appointed by King James to accomplish this important task [of creating a unified English Bible] were divided first into three companies: one worked at Cambridge, another at Oxford, and the third at Westminster. Each of these companies again split up into two. Thus, there were six companies working on six allotted portions of the Hebrew and Greek Bibles. Each member of each company worked individually on his task, then brought to each member of his committee the work he had accomplished. The committee all together went over that portion of the work translated. Thus, when one company had come together, and had agreed on what should stand, after having compared their work, as soon as they had completed any one of the sacred books, they sent it to each of the other companies to be critically reviewed. If a later company, upon reviewing the book, found anything doubtful or unsatisfactory, they noted such places, with their reasons, and sent it back to the company whence it came. If there should be a disagreement, the matter was finally arranged at a general meeting of the chief persons of all the companies at the end of the work. It can be seen by this method that each part of the work was carefully gone over at least fourteen

times. It was further understood that if there was any special difficulty or obscurity, all the learned men of the land could be called upon by letter for their judgment. And finally each bishop



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kept the clergy of his diocese notified concerning the progress of the work, so that if any one felt constrained to send any particular observations, he was notified to do so.

How astonishingly different is this from the method employed by the Revisers of 1881! The Old Testament Committee met together and sat as one body secretly for ten years. The New Testament Committee did the same. This arrangement left the committee at the mercy of a determined triumvirate to lead the weak and to dominate the rest. All reports indicate that an iron rule of silence was imposed upon these Revisers during the ten years. The public was kept in suspense all the long, weary ten years. And only after elaborate plans had been laid to throw the Revised Version all at once upon the market to effect a tremendous sale, did the world know what had gone on.

The Giants of Learning

No one can study the lives of those men who gave us the King James Bible without being impressed with their profound and varied learning.

"It is confidently expected," says McClure, "that the reader of these pages will yield to the conviction that all the colleges of Great Britain and America, even in this proud day of boastings, could not bring together the same number of divines equally qualified by learning and piety for the great undertaking. Few indeed are the living names worthy to be enrolled with those mighty men. It would be impossible to convene out of any one Christian denomination, or out of all, a body of translators, on whom the whole Christian community would bestow such confidence as is reposed upon that illustrious company, or who would prove themselves as deserving of such confidence.

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Evolution Exposed

by Roger Pattison

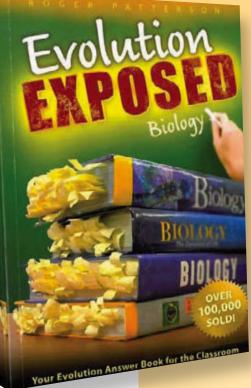
Have you ever been sitting in biology class, knowing you didn't agree with what the teacher was telling you about evolution, but not knowing how to refute it, or not even knowing that what your teacher was presenting as true is only a theory?

Evolution Exposed by Roger Patterson share insights into what high school biology textbooks teach students today about evolution, reviewing four commonly-used high school biology textbooks as its starting point.

This book takes you through various categories covered in a biology class, comparing "what you will learn" and "what your textbook says about science" with "what we really know about science." These categories include:

> What is Science? Classifying Life Natural Selection vs. Evolution Unlocking the Geologic Record The Origin of Life The Origin of Microorganisms The Origin of Plants The Origin of Invertebrates The Origin of Vertebrates

Patterson summarizes the evolutionary and creationist interpretations for each category. In addition, he includes reference articles for those wanting to dig deeper into the creationist arguments that refute evolutionary theories. This book provides a great resource for students and parents wanting insight into the indoctrination that is taking place in our public schools.



Quotable Quotations

"The failure of science to demonstrate how, where, when, or why life was naturally formed makes the acceptance of chemical evolution a matter of faith. Other attempts to explain how life formed are riddled with 'maybe' and

> *possibly.* It requires more faith to believe that the universe and all of the living things on earth came from a big bang than it does to accept that the design we see must have had a Designer. God has revealed how life began on earth—He spoke it into existence" (p.137)

"The argument is not over the evidence the evidence is the same—it is over the way the evidence should be interpreted" (p.25)

"...the biblical creation model recognizes that one kind cannot change into another and that the changes are a result of variation within the created kinds—not descent from a single common ancestor. As a result of the Curse, genetic mutations, representing a loss of information, have been accumulating, but these do not cause new kinds to emerge. Accepting the idea of a single common ancestor denies the authority of God's Word" (p. 52)

"Just because science does not allow supernatural explanations doesn't mean that supernatural explanations are not correct. This is especially true in respect to the origin of life and the historical processes that produced the world we see today. Remember, naturalistic science starts with the assumption that the Bible is not true, and creation starts with the assumption that the Bible is true. Ultimately, it takes just as much faith—if not more—to believe that only matter and natural laws can explain the universe" (p. 10)

"Just because many scientists believe the story does not make the story true" (p. 27)

"Although evolutionary ideas are contrary to the Bible, we should speak the truth in love and show that the biblical interpretation offers a more consistent view of the history of the universe" (p. 9)

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Very many self-styled 'improved versions' of the Bible, or of parts of it, have been paraded before the world, but the religious public has doomed them all, without exception, to utter neglect."

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