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Welcome

Do you know that God is good? He is good through mountains and valleys. He is good despite any bad that may happen in our lives. He is good when others are hurtful, unkind, or when they misrepresent us. He is good at all times and He will triumph over all that life throws at us.

In this spring issue, we focus on a variety of topics, but the one main abiding truth that I hope you will always remember, is that God is good. He never leads us in ways we would not want to be led if we saw the end from the beginning. Despite all the complicated situations we face, despite all the struggles we may face, God is good.

It is this thought that can relieve stress, soothe the anxious worry, and move the mind heavenward to rise above the harassments of this life. To that end, we begin in this issue a section dedicated to promises. It is by claiming and believing the promises that we unite with Christ and become more like Him, because then we are practicing thinking God's thoughts and exercising a faith of heavenly origin. We are told in 2 Peter 1:2-8:

II Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, **3** According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: **4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the

corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; **7** And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. **8** For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A knowledge of God is essential to understanding things that pertain unto life and godliness.

II This knowledge is the foundation of all true education and of all true service. *It is the only real safeguard against temptation; and it is **this alone** that can make one like God in character.* AA 531

Knowing who God is, what His desire is for each of us, and how He acts when faced with the issues we are facing are all essential concepts that allow us to practice being more like Christ. And practice is what it's all about! We need to think God's thoughts about the situations we face in our lives, and believe the great promises that He has given to comfort and encourage us. As we gaze into Christ's life and character, the virtues listed in 2 Peter will become more prominent in our life. May you be encouraged to pursue that knowledge each and every day as you study God's word and practice submitting more fully to Christ so that someday your corruptible body can be replaced with an incorruptible one, and your habits of life and thought will coincide with the new you!

Windy

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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Bible promises to trust

For any gift He has promised, we may ask; then we are to believe that we receive, and return thanks to God that we have received.

Education, p. 258

God stands back of every promise He has made.

Christ's Object Lessons, p. 147

Can you not trust in your heavenly Father? Can you not rest upon His gracious promise? Can we not have implicit trust, knowing that He is faithful who hath promised?

I entreat you to let your trembling faith again grasp the promises of God. Bear your whole weight upon them with unwavering faith; **for they will not, they cannot, fail.**

Testimonies, vol. 2, p. 497

Let these blessed promises, set in the frame of faith, be placed in memory's halls. Not one of them will fail. **All that God hath spoken He will do.** "He is faithful that promised."

Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 630

We should now acquaint ourselves with God by proving His promises. Angels record every prayer that is earnest and sincere. **We should rather dispense with selfish gratifications than neglect communion with God.**

The Great Controversy, p. 622

Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us, of which we know nothing.

The Desire of Ages, p. 330

Think of Christ. Look to Him in faith, believing His promises. Keep your mind trustful. He will be your stay.

Lean on Him, Depend on Him. Put your trust in One whose arm will never fail. Looking to Jesus you will find encouragement.

Selected Messages, book 2, p. 265

The Comforter that Christ promised to send in His name abides with us. **In the way that leads to the City of God there are no difficulties which those who trust in Him may not overcome.**

There are no dangers which they may not escape. There is not a sorrow, not a grievance, not a human weakness, for which He has not provided a remedy.

The Ministry of Healing, p. 249

All things are possible to him that believeth; and whatsoever things we desire when we pray, if we believe that we receive them we shall have them. This faith will penetrate the darkest cloud and bring rays of light and hope to the drooping, desponding soul.

It is the absence of this faith and trust which brings perplexity, distressing fears, and surmisings of evil. God will do great things for His people when they put their entire trust in Him.

Testimonies, vol. 2, p. 140

All His [God's] gifts are promised on condition of obedience.

Christ's Object Lessons, p. 145

The enemy never can take out of the hand of Christ the one who is simply trusting in His promises.

The SDA Bible Commentary, Ellen G. White Comments, on Rev. 3:3, p. 959

For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

2 Corinthians 1:20

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

Psalms 89:34

If you have [...] given yourself to Christ you are a member of the family of God, and everything in the Father's house is for you. All the treasures of God are opened to you, both the world that now is and that which is to come. The ministry of angels, the gift of His Spirit, the labors of His servants—all are for you. **The world, with everything in it, is yours so far as it can do you good.** Even the enmity of the wicked will prove a blessing by disciplining you for heaven. If "ye are Christ's," "all things are yours."

Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing, p. 110

To him who is content to receive without deserving, who feels that he can never recompense such love, who lays all doubt and unbelief aside, and comes as a little child to the feet of Jesus, all the treasures of eternal love are free, everlasting gift.

Ellen G. White Letter 19E, 1892

It is through the gift of Christ that we receive every blessing. Through that gift there comes to us day by day the unfailing flow of Jehovah's goodness. Every flower, with its delicate tints and sweet fragrance, is given for our

Do you need strength?

God does not ask us to do in our own strength the work before us. He has provided divine assistance for all the emergencies to which our human resources are unequal.

Testimonies, vol. 8, p. 19

When you rise in the morning, do you feel your helplessness and your need of strength from God? And do you humbly, heartily make known your wants to your heavenly Father?

If so, angels mark your prayers, and if these prayers have not gone forth out of feigned lips, when you are in danger of unconsciously doing wrong and exerting an influence which will lead others to do wrong, your guardian angel will be by your side, prompting you to a better course, choosing your words for you, and influencing your actions.

Testimonies, vol. 3, pp. 363, 364

enjoyment through that one Gift. The sun and moon were made by Him; there is not a star that beautifies the heavens which He did not make. There is not an article of food upon our tables that He has not provided for our sustenance. The super-scription of Christ is upon it all.

Testimonies, vol. 8, pp. 287, 288

He [Christ] is to be with us, not only at the beginning and the end of our course, but at every step of the way.

Steps to Christ; p. 69

It is possible even for a parent to turn away from his hungry child, but God can never reject the cry of the needy and longing heart.

Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing, p. 132

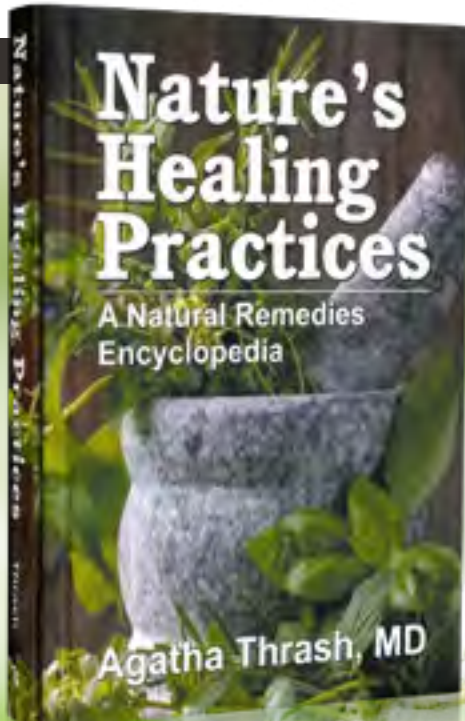


That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Hebrew 6:12

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2 Peter 1:4



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Words cannot describe the peace and joy possessed by him who takes God at His word. Trials do not disturb him, slights do not vex him. Self is crucified.

Day by day his duties may become more taxing, his temptations stronger, his trials more severe; but he does not falter; for he receives strength equal to his need.

Messages to Young People, p. 98

In the darkest days, when appearances seem most forbidding, have faith in God. He is working out His will, doing all things well in behalf of His people. The strength of those who love and serve Him will be renewed day by day.

The Ministry of Healing, p. 482

If we encounter difficulties, and in Christ's strength overcome them; if we meet enemies, and in Christ's strength put them to flight; if we accept responsibilities, and in Christ's strength discharge them faithfully, we are gaining a precious experience. We learn, as we could not otherwise have learned, that our Saviour is a present help in every time of need.

Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 34

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Isaiah 40:29

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalms 46:1

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Isaiah 41:10

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

You can do nothing in your own strength, but in the strength of Jesus you can do all things.

Testimonies, vol. 4, p. 259

The promises of God are full and abundant, and there is no need for anyone to depend upon humanity for strength. To all that call upon Him, God is near to help and succor.

Testimonies to Ministers, p. 381

Strength and grace have been provided through Christ to be brought by ministering angels to every believing soul.

Steps to Christ, p. 53

It is obstacles that make men strong. It is . . . difficulties, conflicts, rebuffs, that make men of moral sinew.

Too much ease and avoiding responsibility have made weaklings and dwarfs of those who ought to be responsible men of moral power and strong spiritual muscle.

Testimonies, vol. 3, p. 495. AD

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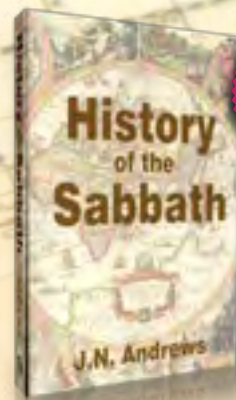
Isaiah 40:31

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Philippians 4:13

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Isaiah 12:2



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My brother, when you are tempted to speak of God, where He is, or what He is, remember that on this point silence is eloquence. Take off your shoes from off your feet, for the ground on which you are placing your careless, unsanctified feet, is holy ground.¹

While Protestant America is working toward unity, laying aside doctrine on the pretext of love and unity, many Seventh-day Adventists are

in disunity as a result of a false premise that the SDA church has accepted the doctrine of the Catholic Trinity. These Adventists claim that we have strayed from our foundational teachings and thus have become Babylon.

The Adventist Church was built on a set of foundational beliefs and it's true that we should not stray from these, nor compromise the truth by doing away with it. However, it has

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never been a part of our foundation that Christ was a created Being and begotten of God before the world ever was and to say that it was, is to make a new religion and thus divide “the apple of God’s eye.”

There are many aspects to the anti-trinitarian doctrine now being promoted by many in our circle and this article is not intended to deal with each aspect of this doctrine. My desire is to bring out very clear statements that we cannot and should not refute, but must accept by faith.

First we need to understand that the Trinity as understood by Seventh-day Adventists is not, never has been, and never will be the teaching of the “Trinity” of the Catholic Church.²

One point of the Trinity doctrine, however, that I’d like to emphasize in this article is the understanding of the **Begotten**. The proponents of the anti-trinitarian view state that Christ was begotten in the sense that He was somehow extracted from or created of the Father. In actuality, this teaching is in line with the Catholic Church and Jehovah’s Witnesses and is not Biblical. The nontrinitarian view point is being represented as part of our foundational teachings, thus, any quotes in the Spirit of Prophecy or the Bible that negate this are said to have been added or tampered with. This results in doubt in the Spirit of Prophecy and even the validity of the Bible itself. This is a dangerous thing. In fact some have gone so far as to say that the SDA teaching of the trinity is from Satan. To say such a thing is to grieve the Spirit

of God. As we will see, the Spirit of Prophecy says that God has not given it to man to even understand this concept so how can one make such accusations about something we have only been given limited information about? Yet, we have been given enough evidence in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy to support our teaching of the God-head. On the other hand there is no Scriptural evidence or Spirit of Prophecy evidence to ever say that Christ was a created being.

Only as we contemplate the great plan of redemption can we have a just appreciation of the character of God. The work of creation was a manifestation of His love; but the gift of God to save a guilty and ruined race alone reveals the infinite depths of divine tenderness and compassion. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." While the law of God is upheld, and its justice vindicated, the sinner can be pardoned. The dearest gift that Heaven itself had to bestow has been poured out, that God "might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."

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What a gift! For God to give his **"only begotten"** son. This is truly something difficult for us to comprehend: to give the life of your son to die for a guilty race, most of whom do not care or want to acknowledge such a thing. The fact that Christ willingly went to the cross shows the love that Christ has for us.



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I had some nice ladies come to my door the other day and ask me, "What is the best gift one could ever receive?" I quickly responded, "Salvation." They then asked me, "How do we get Salvation?" and of course, I said, "by asking Christ to reign in my life and to submit to Him my heart." They were not happy that I would give such glory to Christ and not to the Father alone. They said,

"Christ was only a created being that God had sent to die for us. He was created perfect and had no sin and could not sin so he could be the perfect sacrifice."

This then takes away the divinity of Christ and that He was tempted in all points as we are for if He could not sin, He could not be tempted. That a created being could go to the cross in my place, one that could not sin, negates the whole plan of Salvation, the plan that vindicates the character of God by Christ living a sinless life. Though He was tempted yet He could have victory by looking to the Father. Thus, if we cannot have victory by accepting Christ's victory on our behalf, then why did Christ have to die in the first place? Satan would be shown to be true by saying that God's laws are too difficult to be kept.

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. ... Jesus declared, "I am the resurrection, and the life." In Christ is life, original, unborrowed, underived. "He that hath the Son hath life." 1 John 5:12. The divinity of Christ is the believer's assurance of eternal life. "He that believeth in Me," said Jesus, "though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

Christ here looks forward to the time of His second coming. Then the righteous dead shall be raised incorruptible, and the living righteous shall be translated

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By His word and His works He declared Himself the Author of the resurrection. He who Himself was soon to die upon the cross stood with the keys of death, a conqueror of the grave, and asserted His right and power to give eternal life.⁴

Here is where one of my concerns lie for the nontrinitarian believers. The divinity of Christ is being removed and Christ is not being looked upon as one with the Father. Yet, we just read, the divinity of Christ is the believer's assurance of eternal life. Thus if we remove His divinity, we remove our assurance of eternal life.

It is being said that Christ was begotten of the Father and thus he had a beginning. In this, they are not speaking of being begotten at Jesus' physical birth on earth, but that he was somehow extracted (created) physically from the Father before the earth ever was. This then places Jesus as a created being, removes His divinity, and places him not equal with the Father, but secondary to Him. Again, as we just read in the above quote, if Christ's life was original, unborrowed, underived, then he could not have

been created, extracted or brought into being by the Father. As I was contemplating this thought about Christ being begotten I started to search into the scriptures. It left me with a thought that I have never looked at before. I came to Acts 13:33,

"God hath fulfilled the same unto us the children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second Psalm 'Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.'"

In context of what is being said in Acts, this day is speaking of Christs' resurrection. Well, that is interesting! "This day" have I begotten thee. That seems pretty clear to me that a specific point in time is being specified as to when Christ became His begotten, "this day." Again, that day was Christs' resurrection from the dead. This is also a direct fulfillment of the prophecy in Psalm 2:7, "I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou [art] my Son; this day have I begotten thee."

We see here that God declares Jesus to be His Son, then He declares a specific point in time, "this day" when He became His begotten. At Christs' physical birth on earth, He was the Son of God, but at His resurrection the very designated time was declared when He became "His Begotten", "Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee."

When I looked up the word Begotten in the concordance, it was interesting to note that one of the definitions was to **regenerate**, and another was to **bring forth**.



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From a variation of ^{G1085}; to procreate (properly of the father, but by extension of the mother); figuratively to regenerate: - bear, beget, be born, bring forth, conceive, be delivered of, gender, make, spring.

Revelation 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, [who is] the faithful witness, [and] the first begotten of the dead...

Here we see that Jesus is the first begotten from the dead. So again we notice that it was at Christs' resurrection that He was begotten.

Some may say that Jesus was said to be the only begotten son before He was even in this world so it could not mean at His resurrection. I say to them, was Jesus also said to be the lamb slain from the foundation of the world? Does this mean that He was slain and actually a lamb before the world was, or was the plan in place from the foundation of the world that He would be the "lamb slain" sacrifice for us? This is the same as Jesus being referred to as



the "only begotten son." This was not so much His title, but His mission.

Romans 1:3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

Romans 1:4 And declared [to be] the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

Here we can see very clearly that Jesus was declared to be the Son of God with power, by the resurrection from the dead. Again, we see the specific point in time being the resurrection.

I was listening to one of the proponents of the anti-Trinitarian theory and he spoke of Jehovah being God the father, the only true God. He was using Isaiah 45 to state his case that the Father is the only true God. Yet, clearly in the book of Isaiah, and in many other places, we see something totally different. Let us read together this portion of scripture in its complete context.

Isaiah 45:3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

Isaiah 45:4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee,

though thou hast not known me.

Isaiah 45:5 I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

Isaiah 45:6 That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.

Isaiah 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

Isaiah 45:19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

Isaiah 45:20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save.

Isaiah 45:21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: Who hath declared this from ancient time? Who hath told it from that time? Have not I the LORD? And there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

Isaiah 45:22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

Isaiah 45:23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

We see here that every knee shall bow and every tongue shall swear. Where else do we find this and who is it referring to?

Philippians 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Philippians 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Philippians 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Philippians 2:11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

As we see in Isaiah 45 it is repeated that this being is a just God and a Saviour and that there is none else besides Him. Who is the only Saviour? When we continue to



read through to Isaiah 48, we see the conclusion of the whole matter.

Isaiah 48:16 Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

Isaiah 48:17 it says the from the time that it was, there am I and now the Lord God, and His Spirit, hath sent me.

Now this does not mean that Jesus is greater than the Father. This is to show us that they exalt each other and that we need to accept a thus saith the Lord and leave what we do not understand with Him.

We also see the God referred to in these passages is the Saviour and the Redeemer.

Isaiah 48:17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

We can easily conclude that in these passages that Jehovah is Jesus.

With this, I am not saying I have some “new light,” I am only presenting the Biblical evidence to show the “only begotten” and the point in time He was begotten. This removes the suggestion that Christ was “begotten” brought forth at some nondescript point in time. For me, I will not push my ideas or believe that I have all the answers, as I believe what the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy say on this subject.

That is to say that to fully understand the Godhead has never been given unto man and that by faith I believe that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are three separate beings and these three make up the Godhead.

It is impossible for finite minds fully to comprehend the character or the works of the Infinite One. To the keenest intellect, the most highly educated mind, that holy Being must ever remain clothed in mystery.



“Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? Deeper than hell; what canst thou know?” Job 11:7, 8. . . .⁵

The Word of God, like the character of its divine Author, presents mysteries that can never be fully comprehended by finite beings. The entrance of sin into the world, the incarnation of Christ,

regeneration[begotten], the resurrection, and many other subjects presented in the Bible, are mysteries too deep for the human mind to explain, or even fully to comprehend. But we have no reason to doubt God’s Word because we cannot understand the mysteries of His providence. In the natural world we are constantly surrounded with mysteries that we cannot fathom. The very humblest forms of life present a problem that the wisest of philosophers is powerless to explain. Everywhere are wonders beyond our ken. Should we then be surprised to find that in the spiritual world also there are mysteries that we cannot fathom? . . .⁶

There are many mysteries which I do not seek to understand or to explain; they are too high for me, and too high for you. On some of these points, silence is golden.

Piety, devotion, sanctification of soul, body, and spirit - this is essential for us all. This is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.

Christ left His position in the heavenly courts, and came to this earth to live the life of human beings. This sacrifice He made in order to show that satans charge against God is false--that it is possible for man to obey the laws of God's kingdom. Equal with the Father, honored and adored by the angels, on our behalf Christ humbled Himself, and came to this earth to live a life of lowliness and poverty - to be a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Yet the stamp of divinity was

upon His humanity. He came as a divine Teacher, to uplift human beings, to increase their physical, mental, and spiritual efficiency.⁷

There is no one who can explain the mystery of the incarnation of Christ. Yet we know that He came to this earth and lived as a man among men. The man Christ Jesus was not the Lord God Almighty, yet Christ and the Father are one. The Deity did not sink under the agonizing torture of Calvary, yet it is nonetheless true that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."⁸

Christ's Life Was Unborrowed

"In Him was life; and the life was the light of men." It is not physical life that is here specified, but eternal life, the life which is exclusively the property of God. The Word, who was with God, and who was God, had this life. Physical life is something which each individual received. It is not eternal or immortal; for God, the Lifegiver, takes it again. Man has no control over his life. But the life of Christ was unborrowed. No one can take this life from Him. "I lay it down of myself," He said. In Him is life, original, unborrowed, underived. This life is not inherent in man. He can possess it only through Christ. He cannot earn it; it is given him as a free gift if he will believe in Christ as his personal Saviour. "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." John 17:3. This is the open fountain of life for the world (ST Feb. 13, 1912).⁹

The Incarnation an Unfathomable Mystery

In contemplating the incarnation of Christ in humanity, we stand baffled before an unfathomable mystery, that the human mind cannot comprehend. The more we reflect upon it, the more amazing does it appear. How wide is the contrast between the divinity of Christ and the helpless infant in Bethlehem's manger! How can we span the distance between the mighty God and a helpless child? And yet the Creator of worlds, He in whom was the fullness of the bodily Godhead, was manifest in the helpless babe in the manger. Far higher than any of the angels, equal with the Father in dignity and glory, and yet wearing the garb of humanity! Divinity and humanity were mysteriously combined, and man and God became one. It is in this union that we find the hope of our fallen race. Looking upon Christ in humanity, we look upon God, and see in Him the brightness of His glory, the express image of His person (ST July 30, 1896).¹⁰

So with these thoughts in mind, let us not contend with each other on things that God has said we cannot and will not understand. Let us then unite with our hearts renewed with Righteousness by Faith as we proclaim the Three Angels' Message to the world and look forward to the mysteries of Godliness unravelling to us over the ceaseless ages of eternity.

For further study watch the video presentation by Joel Kratzke entitled "Defining God." **AD**

Lana Drebit. On a bright Sabbath day, Lana and Ken Drebit were happily baptized in a Saskatchewan river in the year 2000. With a longing to help others meet Jesus, Lana took a deep interest in Bible prophecy and healthful living. After attending multiple SDA health and education centers across America, Lana has acquired skills to be a Lifestyle Consultant.

¹ Letter 253, 1903, p. 7. (To J. H. Kellogg, Nov. 20, 1903.)

² For those who wish to research the Catholic teaching of the Trinity as compared to our Adventist one, please refer to Joel Kratzke's series Defining God available through Amazing Discoveries.

³ ST, July 13, 1904 par. 5

⁴ DA 530.3

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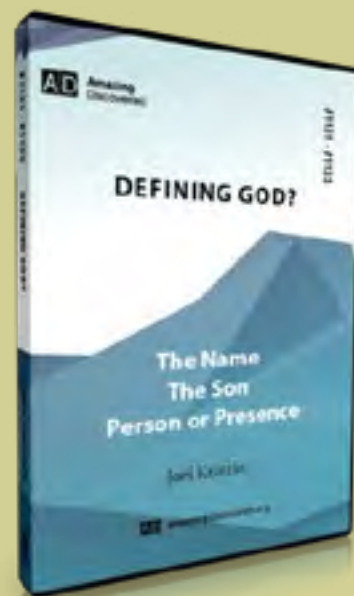
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Roger Babson, American statistician and investment adviser, agreed with Ellen G. White on the value of

country living

Ernest Lloyd

**Editor's Note:*

The following article appeared in "Review and Herald" in 1966, and shows that the country living message was approved by even secular individuals.

A few years ago I had a little correspondence with Roger W. Babson (1875-1967) the well-known American statistician and investment adviser. I had received one of his brochures, and was quite surprised to find in his financial document an expression of his convictions regarding the importance of parents providing Christian education for their children, and also of avoiding the large cities.

I wrote Mr. Babson expressing appreciation for his good counsel to his clients, and with my letter enclosed a copy of Ellen G. White's little booklet *Country Living*. Mr. Babson replied immediately, enclosing a check and requesting me to rush 100 copies of the booklet to his office. He explained he wanted to place a copy of the booklet in the hands of all his office associates and certain friends. The booklets were sent at once.

Later I received another brochure from Mr. Babson containing an article entitled, "If Inflation Comes." Since inflation in various forms has been with us for some years, we might do well to read Mr. Babson's counsel to the American people on several vital areas of life today. Mr. Babson, long a seer in the money world, predicted periods of depression and prosperity that have since become history. Mr. Babson's words are as timely today as when they were first written. He said:

"The purpose of this letter is not to advise you relative to stocks or bonds. Rather, my purpose is to emphasize that such are not the only or the best investments. In case of a real smash-which only a spiritual awakening can prevent - very few of the pieces of paper in your city safe deposit box would probably be any good... What congress did in making us all turn in our gold and accept

get out of the cities



¶¶ Get out of the large cities as fast as possible. Establish church schools."

Testimonies, vol 6 p195

¶¶ Fathers and mothers who possess a piece of land and a comfortable home are kings and queens."

Fundamentals of Christian Education, p327

¶¶ Study in agricultural lines should be the A, B, and C of the education given in our schools."

Testimonies, vol6 p179

¶¶ It was not God's purpose that His people should be crowded into cities, huddled together in terraces and tenements. In the beginning He placed our first parents in a garden."

Ibid, vol7 p87

¶¶ There are multitudes of poor families for whom no better missionary work could be done than to assist them in settling on the land and in learning how to make it yield them a livelihood."

The Ministry of Healing, p192

¶¶ Educate our people to get out of the cities into the country, where they can obtain a small piece of land, and make a home for themselves and their children... Erelong there will be such strife and confusion in the cities that those who wish to leave them will not be able.

Ellen G. White in General Conference Bulletin, April 6 1903, pp87,88

¶¶ In God's plan for Israel every family had a home on the land, with sufficient ground for tilling. Thus were provided both the means and the incentive for a useful,

industrious, and self-supporting life. And no devising of men has ever improved upon that plan. To the world's departure from it is owing, to a large degree, the poverty and wretchedness that exist today."

The Ministry of Healing, pp183,174

¶¶ Again and again the Lord has instructed that our people are to take their families away from the cities, into the country, where they can raise their own provisions; for in the future the problem of buying and selling will be a very serious one. We should now begin to heed the instruction given us over and over again: Get out of the cities into rural districts."

Country Living, pp9,10

paper in exchange can easily be repeated and applied to all securities..."

"When you realize that most all the stocks and bonds in your city are in only a dozen or so vaults, which now are under Federal supervision, you can see how very easy it would be for Congress to take them away from us. . . . The chances are greater than four to six that you will see trouble."

"All right,' you say, 'then what can we do about it?' I will tell you."

"First" - we should develop character and health for ourselves and others It is utterly foolish to sacrifice one's character or health to save money. We should strenuously retain the health which we have and try to get back what we have lost. We should have a complete physical examination by trained diagnosticians once a year and follow their advice as to habits, diet, and mental attitudes."

"Second" - we should spend money freely on devout teachers This means high-grade church schools and small colleges of the right character for our children. No amount of time and money is too great to spend upon properly educating and training children We should immediately begin to invest in them to store up money in children instead of safe-deposits."

"Third" - we should get a small subsistence farm upon which our family can spend at least their summers working. If possible we should not live in a large city. I really do not see much hope for city families For those not having a small farm, I especially commend high-grade summer camps. They are performing a very important service."



"The safest way to save money is to turn it into character, health, and education. All other investments are very speculative, and this includes Government bonds, savings bank accounts, and insurance policies. Insurance companies will pay their policies in paper money; but what good will the money be? The best insurance policy is a small self-sustaining farm and some good, husky, intelligent youngsters. "Avoid large cities as you would smallpox centers. Large cities have caused the downfall of every nation which has thus far collapsed. Only a spiritual awakening can prevent the large cities of this country from falling into the hands of dictators, who by currency inflation and other means will try to rob the nation."

We have long been informed regarding the course to pursue when world conditions become what they are today. If an expert statistician of the business world can see the trend of material things, and is impressed to give forthright advice, what of those who have the "more sure word of prophecy" and the plain testimonies that have



come to the remnant church? How blessed we are to have the light for these times!

Mr. Babson's first point was on health and character. The truth concerning the principles of health given through the Spirit of Prophecy writings so many years ago is now regarded by leading thinkers in both medical and business fields as being fully abreast of the times. It will always be so, for truth is never behind the times.

Mr. Babson's second point was on Christian education. The truth we have received on this subject is recognized as being superior in the building of character. Thousands of leading educators the world over admire the system of education we foster, and many have expressed themselves as being in harmony with it.

Blessed are they who not only read but who also act in harmony with the instruction and warnings so clearly set before us by the Spirit of Prophecy writings. **AD**

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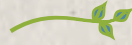




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There is an old New England saying about a traveler who stopped to ask a farmer for directions. The farmer thought for a second and replied, "You can't get there from here."

That is, unfortunately, a common reaction to the Eden plan of education. We have gone so far down another road that it does not seem possible to retrace our steps and take the one less traveled. The sobering fact is, we must get there from here, or we will be passed by when God makes up His kingdom. We read it here:

"Now, as never before, we need to understand the true science of education. If we fail to understand this, we shall never have a place in the kingdom of God."

True education is linked with salvation. How the two can be so tied together can be understood when we consider that their object, their basis and their foundation are all identical.

THEIR OBJECT:

"To restore in man the image of his Maker, to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created, to promote the development of body, mind, and soul, that the divine purpose in his creation might be realized—this was to be the work of redemption. This is the object of education, the great object of life."²

THEIR BASIS:

"Love, the basis of creation and of redemption, is the basis of true education."³

THEIR FOUNDATION:

"In the highest sense the work of education and the work of redemption are one, for in education, as in redemption, 'other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.' 1 Corinthians 3:11"⁴

God has given us abundant light in the books Education, Fundamentals of Christian Education, Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students, Christ's Object Lessons, and others. The Bible pleads with us to

"Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth."⁵

We are coming to a time when our denominational schools will be shut down, according to this startling statement:

"All schools among us will soon be closed up."⁶

The context of that statement does not tell us how this will happen, but events now taking place may provide us with a clue.

A bill introduced in the California Senate⁷ in February, 2016, and amended several times since then, would withhold state funding from postsecondary schools that do not conform on gender-related issues. Religious schools that accept state money, or that enroll students who receive financial aid from the state, are included.

Certain counsels will take on new significance if this kind of bill passes, such as:

"Let us determine that we will not be tied by so much as a thread to the educational policies of those who do not discern the voice of God and who will not hearken to His commandments."⁸

"We are not at liberty to teach that which shall meet the world's standard or the standard of the church, simply because it is the custom to do so."⁹

"... bear in mind that newly established schools are to be of an altogether different order from our older schools or colleges."¹⁰

"We need now to begin over again."¹¹

Some parents among us teach their own children, using the best curricula and lesson books they can obtain. Often these materials come from other Protestant denominations, the very churches that Revelation calls daughters of Babylon. We cannot depend on their materials alone to prepare our children to stand on God's side in the coming crisis. We must teach them the Bible as only God's remnant people understand it.

Too often, parents get so busy teaching the curriculum that they do not have time to teach the Bible in depth, or to follow other aspects of the Eden plan.

The counsel is,

"Let us carefully weed out from our course of study all that can be spared, that we may have

room in the minds of the students in which to plant the seeds of righteousness.”¹²

Ellen White, conversing with Arthur Spaulding in 1913, said:

“Oh, how I wish ... that I could go out as I used to and stand before the people. I would teach them of the great importance of training their children for God.”

“But, Sister White,’ Arthur Spaulding spoke up, ‘you have taught them. You have counseled them and they can read it in your books.’

“Yes, I know,’ she answered, ‘it is written there. But what good will it do if our people don’t read it or understand it or, most important, don’t follow the counsel?’”¹³

In that earnest question, Sister White gave us a three step method that leads to success in training our children.

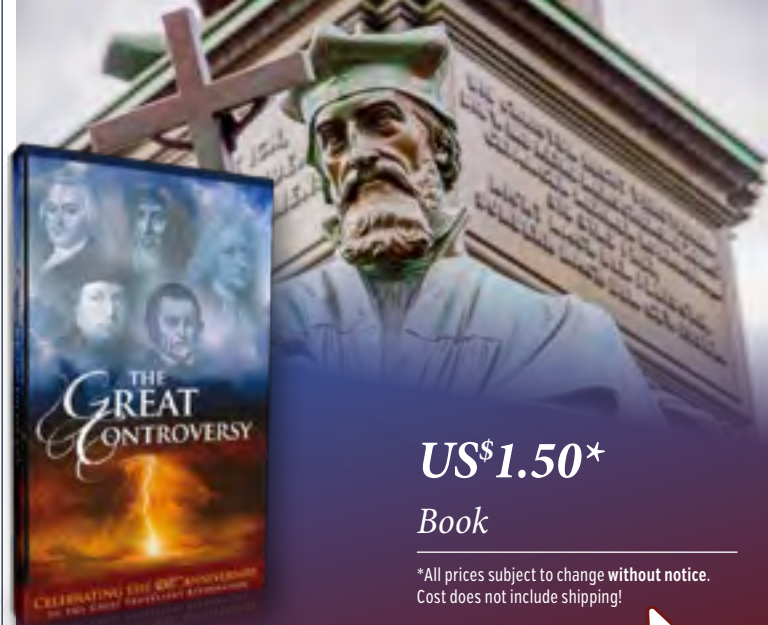
1. “Read it” in her books.
2. “Understand it,” praying for God’s help.
3. “Most important, ... follow the counsel.”

It’s time to read about God’s educational plan, ask Him to help us understand it, and copy the Eden School model. We need to read about God’s four lesson books—Useful Work, Nature, the Scriptures, and The Experiences of Life, ask for understanding, and begin teaching from them. If we will do these things, we can get there from here. We must! **AD**

Judy Kjaer is the wife of Kim Kjaer.

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CLIMATE CHANGE AGENDA:

SAVING THE WORLD OR FUNDING GLOBALISM?

Have you heard of the imminent threat to survival of the American pika? If you're like most people, you're quite familiar with the polar bear's tragic plight due to climate change. A simple online search provides dismal images of the majestic aquatic bear: a polar bear clutching at what appears to be the last remaining jumbo ice cube in a vast and shoreless sea, mama bear with two cubs leaning against her side, a lean-looking bear prowling an unpromising onshore winter wasteland.

But the polar bear proved to carry little clout as a climate change ambassador. Apparently, the American public didn't relate personally to the polar bear's predicament. A study "concluded that most Americans still 'lacked vivid, concrete, and personally-relevant affective images of climate change, which helped explain why climate change remains a relatively low priority...issue.'"ⁱ Another spokesperson was needed to drive home the climate change agenda to the American people.

God's Creatures: Climate Change's Ambassadors

The American pika has the perfect profile as a climate change ambassador: cute, American, and accessible. The photo accompanying *Adventure Journal's* September 15, 2017 articleⁱⁱ on climate change features a pika posing on a slab of alpine rock. With turned-up face, long whiskers, short round ears and bunny-like appearance, the pika rates melt-your-heart status for cuteness.

The shocking headline above the adorable lagomorph reads, "Climate Change Responsible for Extinction of Pikas in Tahoe: These adorable high-alpine residents can't handle the heat." The polar bear, and now, the American pika are the hard-working, heart-tugging poster children of climate change propaganda. Perhaps Americans will now demand that their government take action against climate change.

It seems the rest of the world has already embraced the message: We must all do something now to stop global warming or we are all doomed to suffer the fate of the pitiful pika and the pathetic polar bear!

Climate Change: The Debate Rages On

What many people don't know, however, is that the scientific community is far from being in consensus on whether global warming is actually even happening. Some have noted a cooling trend in recent years that does not support the global warming theory. It turned out "global warming" was not the best term to use. A switch to the use of the term "climate change" conveniently aided the persistence of the prophesied global disaster scenario. Even if there are record-breaking cold temperatures and extreme weather in many places, these irregularities are said to be the expected signs of Earth undergoing the convulsions of



TAMMIE BURAK

climate change. In this way, extreme cold and violent winter storms, against all reason and logic, are made to support the global warming theory.

Even more disturbing than a lack of scientific consensus or the creative use of semantics are accusations that pro-climate change scientists and organizations are less interested in real science than in forwarding a political agenda.

What's really behind all the climate change hysteria?

The Basics

Climate change proponents claim that due largely to the combustion of fossil fuels, humans are causing global warming which will eventually cause life on earth to become extinct. The theory is that human-generated carbon dioxide production is provoking an unprecedented rapid rise in Earth's temperature which

will "harm all sectors of civilization—food, water, health, land, national security, energy and economic prosperity."ⁱⁱⁱ Unless carbon dioxide emissions are immediately reduced, climate change prognosticators predict that earth will be plunged into a serious life-threatening crisis within just a few decades.

That's the Theory

Opposition to the theory abounds. Reputable scientists challenge climate change models and the conclusions of climate change scientists. "The pervasive hype that we are experiencing a known human-caused climate crisis is based upon speculative theories, contrived data and totally unproven modeling predictions,"^{iv} so says Forbes' Larry Bell. Not only that, allegations of biased and fraudulent reporting are also numerous.

Falsified Data

In a January 2015 article titled "Climategate, the sequel: How we are STILL being tricked with flawed data on global warming," the Telegraph's Christopher Booker reported "wholesale corruption of proper science"^v, citing evidence of "adjusted" temperature records where historical data are regularly adjusted downward, while more recent data are invariably adjusted upward to falsify a steeper temperature rise over time.

Booker adds that although up to 80% of earth's surface is "not reliably covered" at all by temperature recording stations, the lack of real data is made up for by computerised infilling based on temperatures recorded elsewhere. Although a higher than proportionate number of recording stations are located in urban centres, which have been shown to have readings that are up to two degrees higher than in rural areas, these higher temperatures are used as representative of vast



unmonitored areas, covering as much as 1.6 million square miles. The article's author calls these not uncommon "distortions of data" "one of the most bizarre aberrations in the history of science."^{vi}

Funding Bias

Among popular scientists, there's little motivation to come clean on the phoney science that's being used to support international climate change policy. At stake for the scientists involved are cushy appointments and fat funding cheques. A National Review article states that "the overwhelming majority of climate-research funding comes from the federal government and left-wing foundations" – to the tune of \$32.5 billion since 1989 – and that "the government/foundation monies go only toward research that advances the warming regulatory agenda."^{vii} The article's author claims that top climate scientists who are not on the climate change bandwagon find it "much more difficult" to get funding for their work. In addition, he describes a shady "Billionaire's Club... of charitable foundations that distribute billions to advance climate alarmism...which in turn send staff to the EPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency) who then direct federal grants back to the same green groups." Understandably, he calls these relationships "incestuous" and "opaque."

Carbon Tax

Another climate change money trail is the one that wealthy nations are, or soon will be, paying by way of



carbon tax inputs to poorer undeveloped nations. In 2009 negotiations at Copenhagen, "Wealthy nations ... agreed, in principle, to provide \$100 billion by 2020 to the United Nations' Green Climate Fund."^{viii} That is, they've agreed to pay \$100 billion annually. While many see this as a justified redistribution of wealth that will assist disadvantaged nations in developing without the use of "cheap" fossil fuels, some people find the idea a shocking one. After all, once wealthier nations start paying, when will enough be enough? When all nations are equally impoverished? More than that, what does this required payment to United Nations' coffers really say about the relationship of the UN to its member countries? Canadian geologist Bill Bell observed, "If the United Nations can tell us what to do with our money and productivity, we will have lost our sovereignty."^{ix}

Club of Rome

In fact, climate change seems to be just the right vehicle for stripping nations' sovereignty and sweeping the world under the control of a one world government.



Since its inception in 1968, the Club of Rome has been providing a road map toward the new world order. And it's been using projections of a looming global environmental disaster as the impetus behind its take-over plans. In 1972 it published its first of many reports, "The Limits to Growth", in which it showed, by the use of computer-generated figures, that if allowed to continue growth in a "business as usual" format, "sudden and uncontrollable decline in both population and industrial capacity"^x would result by the year 2072. The Club of Rome's solutions involve dividing the world into 10 regions to be assigned different roles in maintaining a limited human population under a single government.

A common global enemy was needed at the outset by the Club of Rome to gain worldwide cooperation for the advancement of their radical goals, that is, the establishment of a new world order in which all humanity is governed by one super-power. They freely admit to using environmentalism to support their goals. In its 1991 report, "The First Revolution", the Club of Rome states, "In searching for a common enemy against whom we can unite, we came up with the idea that pollution, the threat of

global warming, water shortages, famine and the like, would fit the bill.... All these dangers are caused by human intervention in natural processes...The real enemy then is humanity itself."^{xi}

At the root of such a notion is that all the governments of the world have failed and what's needed now is a new order of things altogether. The world needs a united religion and a moral government that rules from spiritual principles. "We face a true planetary emergency. The climate crisis is not a political issue, it is a moral and spiritual challenge to all of humanity. It is also our greatest opportunity to lift global consciousness to a higher level," said Al Gore when in 2007 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize jointly with the UN climate panel.ⁱⁱ Of course, it's no return to a personal, Creator-God that's being offered as a solution to the world's environmental "crisis." Rather, paganism lies at the heart of this new environmental spirituality.

The Eco-Spiritual Leadership of Pope Francis

Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si* describes the required response of humanity toward the environmental "crisis." He calls for an "ecological conversion," in which the current economic systems give way to "a new economic system that harnesses technologies and morality to save the planet."^{xiii} *Laudato Si* was released just ahead of climate change negotiations at Paris. Jeffrey Sachs, writing July 6, 2015 in *America: The Jesuit Review*, comments on the timing of the encyclical, "We have... cause to believe that Pope Francis today has given us a message that

will speak to all humanity, including the political leaders who will soon head to the United Nations to adopt Sustainable Development Goals in September and to Paris to decide on a vital course correction on human-induced climate change."^{xiv}

Among other things, *Laudato Si* reminds readers of the "principle of the subordination of private property to the universal destination of goods" and states that Sunday "is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world." It "is another way of working, which forms part of our very essence" and "prevents that unfettered greed and sense of isolation which make us seek personal gain to the detriment of all else."^{xv}

In addition, Pope Francis wrote, "Mary, the Mother who cared for Jesus, now cares with maternal affection and pain for this wounded world. Just as her pierced heart mourned the death of Jesus, so now she grieves for the sufferings of the crucified poor and for the creatures of this world laid waste by human power. Completely transfigured, she now lives with Jesus, and all creatures sing of her fairness. She is the Woman, "clothed in the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (Rev 12:1). Carried up into heaven, she is the Mother and Queen of all creation. In her glorified body, together with the Risen Christ, part of creation has reached the fullness of its beauty. She treasures the entire life of Jesus in her heart (cf. Lk 2:19,51), and now understands the meaning of all things. Hence, we can ask her to enable us to look at this world with eyes of wisdom."^{xvi}

Gaia

Mary, as “Queen of all creation” has an important role to play in establishing the new order. James Lovelock, who first proposed that earth’s interacting systems made up a single, living organism called Gaia, wrote in *The Ages of Gaia: A Biography of Our Living Earth*, “What if Mary is another name for Gaia?... She is of this Universe and, conceivably, a part of God. On Earth she is the source of life everlasting and is alive now; she gave birth to humankind and we are part of her. That is why, for me, Gaia is a religious as well as a scientific concept....”^{xvii}

In Gaia-Mary, or Mother Earth, new ages, environmentalists and all the religions of the world can unite.

The Climate Change Weapon

Climate change is a powerful weapon being skillfully wielded in the hand of globalists. Pope Francis has connected Sunday sacredness to environmentalism and the idea of healing the earth and human relationships. The time is not far off when

“It will be declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday sabbath; that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced; and that those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublers of the people, preventing their restoration to divine favour and temporal prosperity” (GC 332).

It’s always been Satan’s goal to be worshipped by all of humanity. This fabricated climate crisis is a catalyst that’s being used to bring that about. Through Gaia worship, the veneration of earth and its creatures, and the universal acceptance of Sunday sacredness, all the world is being brought to worship at the feet of Satan.

In addition, there is a general and widespread expectation of the arrival of a “World Teacher” to guide the world into an age of peace. Lucis Trust, a non-governmental organization created by occultist Alice Bailey, has consultative status to the United Nations and is preparing the world and its leaders for the arrival of this spirit being through meditation meetings in the UN’s Meditation Room.

Ellen White warned of this time:

“A power from beneath is working to bring about the last great scenes in the drama – Satan coming as Christ, and working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who are binding themselves together in secret societies. 8T 28

It is not now time to sit quietly and watch the prophecies unfold. We are admonished to submit ourselves to God and do the work He has appointed us to do.

“Great pains should be taken to keep this subject before the people. The solemn fact is to be kept not only before the people of the world but before our own churches also, that the day of the Lord will come suddenly, unexpectedly. The fearful warning of the prophecy is addressed to every soul. Let no one feel that he is secure from the danger of being surprised. Let no one’s interpretation of prophecy rob you of the conviction of the knowledge of events which show that this great event is near at hand. Fundamentals of Christian Education, 335, 336 (1895) LDE 16.5

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II *There is now need of earnest working men and women who will seek for the salvation of souls, for Satan as a powerful general has taken the field, and in this last remnant of time he is working through all conceivable methods to close the door against light that God would have come to His people. He is sweeping the whole world into his ranks, and the few who are faithful to God's requirements are the only ones who can ever withstand him, and even these he is trying to overcome.* 3SM 389.3

II *Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures and who have received the love of the truth will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive.* GC 625

May God help us to discern the times in which we are living and keep us faithful to Him every moment. [AD](#)

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In Connection To Ishmael And The Children Of The East Contested

BY

BROTHER SHAHBAZ

Rudy Harnisch is a Seventh-day Adventist Pastor and president of Amazing Facts Canada. He is perhaps one of the most notable and outspoken supporters of the teaching that Adventists and Muslims share many beliefs and teachings in common, including the teaching that Allah of the Koran is none other than the Father of Jesus Christ in the Bible, and that the Koran is a reliable bridge Adventists can use to reach Muslims for Christ. This article is not an attack against Pastor Harnisch or a defamation of his good name. The sole purpose of this article is to set the record straight in regards to some false teachings that have entered the Seventh-day Adventist church regarding Islam.



A SPIRIT OF ECUMENISM CONFRONTED

Pastor Rudy Harnisch teaches that *“Seventh-day Adventists can relate to Muslims in a really productive way due to the assumption that both groups don’t eat pork, don’t drink alcohol, only serve the One living Creator God, believe in the judgment of the last day*

including the return of Jesus, and not worshiping God by idols.” Even though it may appear that we have these points in common, nevertheless I want to assure the reader that these seeming similarities are only on the surface, and once examined more fully you will quickly see how absurd that idea really is. Unfortunately we won’t be able to look at each of these points in this article. But you can read my previous articles where I explain in depth what the differences are.

According to Pastor Harnisch's own testimony he once met two Saudi-Arabian businessmen on a flight to Singapore, they exchanged some words and the first thing Pastor Harnisch told them was a point by point list of common grounds Adventists and Muslims share. According to Pastor Harnisch the Saudi businessmen were stunned and elated, and they told him they had heard about the people who teach these things before. The presentation made by Pastor Harnisch to these Saudi men is a sample of how so many in the Adventist church are trying to seek the approval and acceptance of

*"I am the way,
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the life: no man
cometh unto the
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me. John 14:6"*



Muslims, as if we are indebted to them and their book, and these people go out of their way trying to appease them. I want to be clear and tell you, dear reader, that we as Adventists have nothing in common with Islam. If there are any similarities, it is simply Satan's

effort to mix truth and error in order to deceive the nations. This method applied by Pastor Harnisch is completely foreign to the Bible, and was never used by our Lord Jesus or His Apostles. Jesus never compromised the truth for the sake of ecumenism. In fact, without any compromise Jesus proclaimed the One True Way:

I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man (including Muslims) cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6

Muslims find it difficult to accept Jesus Christ as their true God and Savior, because they have been preconditioned to reject His character and position as the Son of the Most High God. Therefore the only means whereby we can successfully minister to Muslims is to follow the Biblical model of evangelism, the same one that Christ Himself established and which the pen of Inspiration beautifully enlarges upon. Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "Follow Me."¹ Ecumenism has no place in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and is inherently the spirit of compromise.

RUTH THE MOABITE A MUSLIM?

Rudy Harnisch teaches that Ruth the Moabite, who was the daughter-in-law of Naomi and who later became Boaz' bride, was a Muslim and an ancestor to the Arabs. In his presentation, Pastor Harnisch equates Ruth's request to Boaz in Ruth 3:9 where she requests Boaz to "spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid" to be a symbol of Muslims asking Jesus to spread His righteousness over them. But is this a correct interpretation of the text? Not at all. This is, in fact, a mind-boggling attempt to stretch the truth to fit one's own theology. The Moabites ethnically were of the same stock as the Israelites. Their founder was Moab who himself was a son of Lot, the nephew of Abraham.² The Moabites have nothing to do with Ishmael or the Muslims. The Moabites were never included in the promise made to Hagar regarding her son Ishmael and his posterity. There is also no evidence that the Moabites and the Ishmaelite's at any time intermarried. And even if they did intermarry none of that has anything to do with Ruth's request from Boaz. Why would Jesus spread His righteousness upon a people who categorically deny His Sonship to God anyway? Ruth's request from Boaz was motivated from her desire to become his wife, to be a part of Boaz' nation, and to live close to Naomi. In Ruth

1:16 Ruth told Naomi *“thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.”* Ruth was telling Naomi that she desired to become an Israelite. There is no scriptural evidence that supports Pastor Harnisch’s claim that Ruth in any way was connected to or represented the Muslim world or that she herself was a Muslim. How could Ruth be a Muslim since Islam did not come on the scene of the world history until centuries after her death. There is also no evidence suggesting that Muslims anywhere around the world desire to have Christ’s righteousness spread over them, unless of course they are converted to Christianity. In reality the Islamic leaders would love nothing more than to see Christianity completely dead.



THE WISE MEN (MAGI)

“God meant for others, as well as the Jews, to know that Christ had come. In a country far to the east were wise men who had studied the prophecies concerning the Messiah, and who believed that His coming was near. The Jews called these men heathen; They were honest men, who wanted to know the truth, and to do the will of God.”³

Pastor Harnisch, in his public talks and presentations, implies that the preceding statement from the pen of Inspiration supports the idea that the children of the east are, in fact, modern-day Arabs and Muslims. He argues since these wise men came from the east, it automatically makes them the descendants of Ishmael. But this is an attempt to read into the word of God something that is not supported there. Biblically, historically and geographically it can be proved that the wise men were not Arabs. Let's look at the evidence.

The original words “wise men” in the book of Matthew are taken from the Greek word *magos* where we get the english word *magi*.

The word 'magi' is the plural of Latin 'magus', borrowed from Greek 'magos', as used in the original Greek text of the Gospel of Matthew. Greek 'magos' itself is derived from Old Persian 'maguš' from the Avestan 'magâunô', i.e., the religious caste into which Zoroaster was born. The term refers to the Persian priestly caste of Zoroastrianism.⁴

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Does the Spirit of Prophecy support the identity of the wise men in Matthew's account as being magis? Indeed it does. Because of their pride and unbelief, the Lord passed them by and revealed His truth to those who, like the shepherds of Bethlehem and the Eastern magi, had given heed to all the light they had received.⁵

It is clear that the wise men of the Gospel account were magis. Historians agree that the word 'Magi' started with the Persians. The earliest usage of the word 'magi' occurs in the trilingual Behistun inscription of Darius the Great, and which can be dated to about 520 BCE.⁶

One other important fact we cannot ignore and which clearly refutes Pastor

Harnisch's claim about the identity of the wise men is the phrase “from the east” in Matthew 2:1. The original Greek word used by Matthew is 'anatole' which literally means 'from the rising of the sun'. It was never Matthew's intention to mean “the children the east” when he used the Greek word 'anatole'. Matthew is only telling us the direction from



where these wise men had come. Michael Axworthy in his book *A History of Iran*, page 31-43, clearly helps shed light on the geographical location of the magi's home country. He writes, "The Parthian Empire, centered in Persia, occupied virtually all of the land east of Judea and Syria.⁷ Though tolerant of other religions, the dominant religion of the empire was Zoroastrianism, with its priestly magos class."

As you can see the "wise men" (Magi) of Matthew's account were not in fact Arabs, they were Persians and most probably they were Zoroastrian priests or representatives of that religion and nation. We have to be careful not to lump every one that is from the east into Arabs or Muslims, as if easterners are all Arabs. The Biblical term "children of the east" does refer to the other sons of Abraham, including Ishmael, but that does not imply that all easterners are the posterity of Abraham's sons. There has always been indigenous people who predate the sons of Abraham and who have lived in the east. In other words, the east does not end with the Arabian peninsula. The Turks, the Persians, and the Kurds are just a sample of people

groups that have lived in the east for millennia and neither of these groups are Arabs.

Where did the Persian magis get their knowledge of the coming King and His star that represented His birth? *"The wise men from the East were philosophers. They belonged to a large and influential class that included men of noble birth, and comprised much of the wealth and learning of their nation. Among these were many who imposed on the credulity of the people. Others were upright men who studied the indications of Providence in nature, and who were honored for their integrity and wisdom. Of this character were the wise men who came to Jesus...As these magi studied the starry heavens, and sought to fathom the mystery hidden in their bright paths, they beheld the glory of the Creator. Seeking clearer knowledge, they turned to the Hebrew Scriptures."*⁸

You are probably asking yourself where did the magis get the Hebrew scriptures from? Remember by that time the Jews had lived in Persia for about 500 years and the Scriptures would have been accessible to those who sought them.

"And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.... The abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, and the force of the Gentiles shall come unto thee" (Isaiah 60:3-5).⁹

Praise God friends, one day many of Ishmael's descendants will come

to the rising of the Glory of God and His church. That is good news. I believe today that process has already begun. However there is no evidence here that suggests Muslims and Adventists have common points of belief, or that they are of the same stock. In fact, the prophecy here states that all these people, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah, all they from Sheba, from Kedar and from Nebaioth, (Kedar and Nebaioth are two of Ishmael's sons) these will one day be drawn to the truth which God was pleased to bestow upon His last day remnant church. (Isaiah 60:6,7)



THE ONLY STATEMENT FROM THE PEN OF INSPIRATION REGARDING ISLAM

In closing I want to reiterate that there is no evidence of any inspired writings which in any way support the idea that Adventists and Muslims are similar or that the Allah of the Koran is the same Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If that were the case, Mrs. White would have never written such strong and condemning words about Islam. Here is the only statement found in the writings of Mrs. Ellen G. White regarding the religion of Islam.



“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life

“The Saviour has said, “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” He says again, “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.” Mohammedanism has its converts in many lands, and its advocates deny the divinity of Christ. Shall this faith be propagated, and the advocates of truth fail to manifest intense zeal to overthrow the error, and teach men of the pre-existence

of the only Saviour of the world? O how we need men who will search and believe the word of God, who will present Jesus to the world in his divine and human nature, declaring with power and in demonstration of the Spirit, that “there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” O how we need believers who will now present Christ in life and character, who will hold him up before the world as the brightness of the Father’s glory, proclaiming that God is love!”¹⁰ AID

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¹ Ministry of Healing 143

² See Genesis 19:30–38

³ The Story of Jesus page 21

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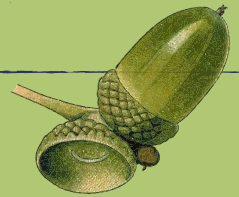
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For this report, I would like to share with you some of the miracles that God has wrought for us at AD. As you may have heard, AD has made a bold move to step out in faith and relocate our head office to the country. God has opened the way in amazing ways. This is how it all started:

After the sale of our building in Langley, BC, we began the search for the property where God would have us move. It was decided to look along the southern border of Canada in order to have easy access to the US. After searching high and low along the border, we found several properties that we thought could work for our needs. One in particular seemed extremely suitable due to its privacy. We soon realized that it would not have the correct zoning for our purpose and we would need to apply for rezoning. Our realtor was having trouble getting a straight answer from the zoning office, so we moved on to another property in the same area. This time the owners investigated the possibility of a zoning change on their own. At the zoning office, they were told, in no uncertain terms, that the Okanagan had no interest in allowing Amazing Discoveries to operate in its district and that there was no chance in getting the right zoning regardless of which property we

purchased. This was a clear sign that God was closing the door to this area of Canada.

We continued the search and spent weeks scouring the country for a suitable place. Many times when we found a place, we could not all agree on its suitability. During this time Walter Veith was with us in Canada and he spent a lot of his time looking at various properties with us. One day, a few of us stumbled across a property that was in the Cariboo (6 hours north of Vancouver). We weren't sure what to think about it as we thought that the property was in an area that no one was interested in, it being a little too north from our point of view. But in the end, we decided to take a look, so a trip was planned to go up to Dugan Lake, BC. Walter was planning on returning back to South Africa in four day's time so he would no longer be able to see any properties in person. That morning Walter asked God to please show him the place where AD would be before he



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left, so that he could picture it in his mind while he was away.

We arrived at the property and were astonished to see how amazing this property was. Everything we wanted plus more was waiting for us. Good solid buildings that could be turned into a studio and office were standing there with fantastically sound engineering. Even those with doubts could not say anything negative about the beauty and solidity of the property. It was apparent that the Lord had made every provision that we needed. Even the zoning lined up with our needs, so after much prayer it was decided to put in an offer and start inspections to be sure that everything was in order. Every inspector that saw the place commented on the well-built buildings and keen attention to detail. Shortly after, the offer was accepted and God had opened the way for us to move into the country!

The next issue was to find a qualified, experienced builder to make the necessary modifications for our needs. But God already had a plan for that too! I knew of a builder who was very qualified and that

I trusted fully to do a good job, but I knew that he would not be able to help us with this project due to distance, so I decided to ask him only if he would be willing to give us a quote for the work needed. This way we would have an honest standard on which to base other contractor quotes. After asking for a quote, he indicated that he would

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and he shall
direct thy paths.
Prov 3:5-6

be willing to take the entire project on! I was so speechless and grateful to God for opening the way to have such a qualified builder involved in this big project who I knew we could trust would do a good job at a fair price! Without going into too much more detail this truly was a miracle!

As the building project proceeded it was now time to address the issue of phones and internet. After contacting the local phone provider, we were able to get a plan that has unlimited North American calling for only a ¼ of the cost that we **now pay** in the city! Plus, in the city we do not have unlimited calling but in the country, we do! While on the phone with the phone provider, the customer service representative recognized our name and said that he, a non-Adventist, had been watching and studying our presentations on YouTube, and he was so honored to be helping us! This was such an encouragement to hear as the message is going out to every tribe and people!

But the biggest miracle was yet to come! Internet was our next big focus. Before we purchased the property, we were told that fibre optic, the form of internet we use in the city, was going to cost us a whopping \$250,000CAD, however, satellite internet was available and by linking up multiple satellites we could achieve a similar speed. Based on this information, we purchased the property, but now that we owned the land, and after trying to sign an agreement with the satellite company, it was clear that it would not be enough for our needs. Why would God bring us to this property when He knew we needed fibre optic to operate? We started to pray for God's leading and decided



to return back to investigating fibre optic. After communicating again with the fibre optic company, the Lord opened the way for us to be able to get fibre optic directly on our country property for only **\$7,500CAD!** On top of that, we have a **faster speed**, than we ever had, or could have had, in our city location! What a wonderful thing it is when we step out in faith and follow God's counsel! He will open the way for His people!

There are so many more miracles that I could share with you, but I will save them for a later time. Just relating these miracles to you has again made me so excited for the wonderful leading of God. Although there are still nay-sayers, saying that this is not the will of God, I rest in His marvellous dealing with us in this project, and I know He will take care of all obstacles that may lie ahead. Stay faithful dear reader, and may these experiences of ours encourage you to follow God, even if the way seems dark, and to put Him first in all things! He is the great Leader, Redeemer and Friend and He has a plan for each one of you, if you will only trust Him! Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

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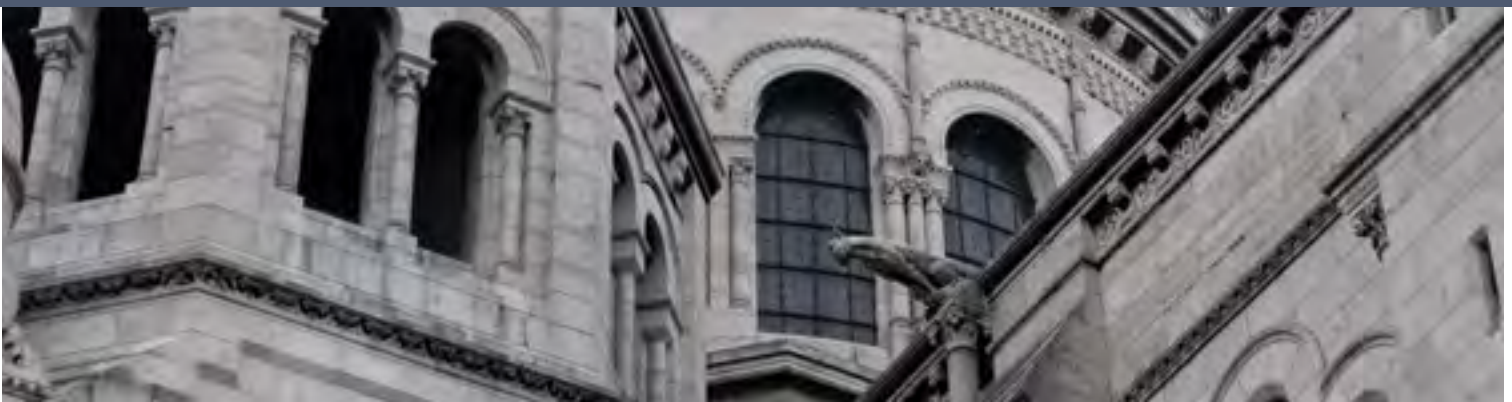
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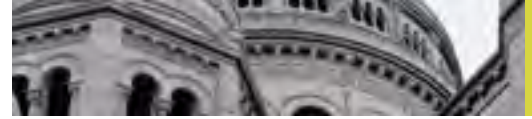
UNDERSTANDING THE DANGERS OF TODAY'S CALL FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

CHAPTER 8

by JACK **CHICK**



The fallen Idol



The Vatican always looks and plans way into the future, from 25, to 50, to 100 years in advance. After World War II, the Vatican had to pick and back an American champion who would be a friend, a man they would help put on a pedestal, who would be loved by everybody. God forbid that he should ever be a Martin Luther! This champion would woo and win the hearts of the American people, a biggie, a champion they would support. He could be used as the piper who would pull all the evangelicals into the arms of the pope.

They wanted a man who would be a good speaker, a man with charisma who could pack stadiums; a man who would preach a gospel message, but on the soft side; one who would **never** attack the Vatican. And so when they found him, William Randolph Hearst, a good Roman Catholic publisher, used his newspaper chain to push Billy Graham to fame.

For 30 years, **Billy Graham** spoke to multitudes and became greatly loved, respected, and imitated. When he preached, he was honored and men praised him. Yet when Jesus Christ preached, they killed Him.

I often read the scripture: "Whosoever, therefore, will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." The newspapers nev-

er really blasted Billy Graham. Magazines said he was one of the world's most loved men. Somehow, I kept getting a "tilt" sign flashing in my mind. I've loved Billy, prayed for him and supported him. But I sensed something was wrong.

I was told that when Anita Bryant

spoke out against homosexuals and asked for Billy's support, he turned her down. He played it cool. Anita Bryant took the heat and was persecuted for her stand, but not Billy. He was loved by the world for his position.

Billy Graham began his ministry as a fundamentalist, and as time passed, he changed his position.

Listen to this: In the Catholic Herald of June 3, 1966, Billy Graham is quoted as being a friend of the Jesuits in the United States. Here's another one: Dr. Billy Graham received an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from the Roman Catholic College, Belmont Abbey, in 1967. Billy noted the significance of the occasion by saying that this is "a time when Catholics and Protestants could meet together

and greet each other as brothers, whereas 10 years ago, they could not."

In April, 1972, Billy Graham

received the International Franciscan Award in Minneapolis, given by the Franciscan Friars for true ecumenism. Before I quote what Billy Graham said about

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Francis of Assisi, first let me say this about St. Francis. He believed he was saved by works, by helping the poor. This way, he believed he was saving his soul. St. Francis was canonized, which means he was made a saint by the Roman Catholic Institution because of his strong position on the doctrine of works. Beloved, we know that this is unscriptural. Did you know that St. Francis of Assisi blessed and baptized animals and gave them Christian names?

Now, what did Billy Graham say about this strange fellow? He said, "While I am not worthy to touch the shoe laces of St. Francis, yet this same Christ that called Francis in the 13th century also called me to be one of His servants in the 20th century."

When Billy Graham appeared on the Phil Donahue Show of October 11, 1979, in discussing Pope John Paul II's visit to the United States of America, Billy Graham said, "I think the American people are looking for a leader, a moral and spiritual leader that believes something. And he (meaning the pope) does. He didn't mince words on a single subject. As a matter of fact, his subject in Boston was really an evangelistic address in which he asked the people to come to Christ, to give their lives to Christ. "I said, 'Thank God I've got somebody to quote now with some real authority.*'" How tragic. A man who once used the Bible as his authority is now putting the pope up on a pedestal and looking to him.

In the beginning, Billy Graham was greatly used of God, but I believe Billy gave in to tremendous pressures and compromised. And he is now walking hand in hand with the whore of Revelation.

A few years ago, 5 pastors from Mexico came to see me, asking for help. They told me I must talk to Billy Graham.

I told them that was impossible, I was just a little tract publisher. Then they told me Billy Graham had destroyed their churches. They said he held a crusade, and told all those who had received Christ to go back to their original churches and win those people to Christ. The pastors told me their people followed Billy's instruction and all went back to the Roman Catholic system. Twelve years of work destroyed in one night.

Dr. Rivera, the ex-Jesuit priest, told me he knew Billy was being used by the Vatican in 1950 when the word came to all the Jesuits in Central and South America telling them to fill the stadiums with Roman Catholics whenever Billy Graham spoke. Millions were spent to promote Billy Graham as the world's greatest evangelist.

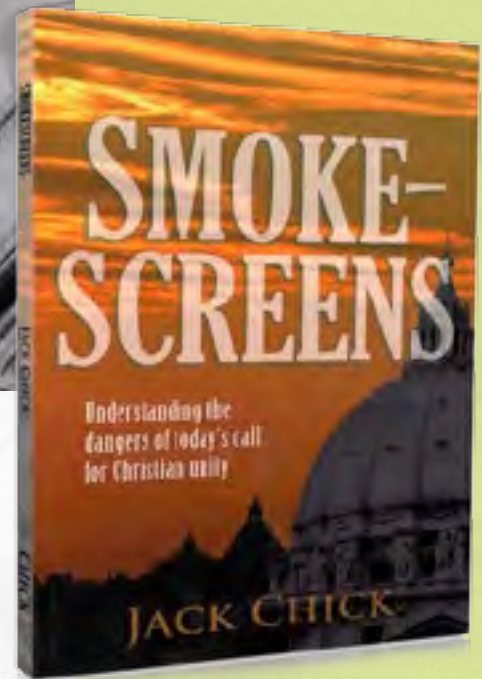
The Religious News Service reported on January 13, 1981, "Pope John Paul II was closeted for almost two hours with the Rev. Billy Graham, the world's best-known Protestant evangelist."

"Following the New England Crusade, thousands of those who came forward are now in the process of being integrated into the Catholic church. Meetings have taken place between the Graham Association and Catholic clergy for the transfer of these people to the Roman church. One such meeting took place at Pope John XXIII Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts, on the

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In this exclusive interview, evangelist Billy Graham, hails Pope, John Paul II's pilgrimage to Poland as a triumph for Christianity. Dr. Graham and other religious leaders also heap praise on the pontiff for helping to push forward the religious revival worldwide.

- The Star, June 26, 1979



evening of June 9, 1982, when the names of 2100 inquirers were given to priests and nuns."

Rome gives nothing to anybody unless you pay it off. Could it be that his final pay-off was to introduce Pope John Paul II as the greatest moral leader of the world? Which he did. Didn't he realize when he did this he was giving the whore a cloak of respectability? And all of Billy's followers, the evangelicals and multitudes of others across this land who listen to his every word, heard this endorsement, and trusting Billy, turned and gave their love to the communist from Poland dressed in his papal robes, who claims to be the representative of Christ on this earth. I can picture the pope smiling to himself, flying back victoriously to Rome. He knew that Billy had been a good investment.

It's a deadly game, beloved. And now that his work is over, he's no longer needed. I believe

the Vatican set Billy up when he went to Russia. Believers in Christ go to our Lord for guidance and to the scriptures, and pray that God, the Holy Spirit, will lead us in all truth. But Billy admitted that he sought advice from Vatican officials about his trip to Russia. They told him to go quietly and not to criticize the communists' practices. And when he followed their instructions, the suffering brothers and sisters rotting in Russia's prisons who got 5 to 10 years for passing out a single gospel tract, were crushed when Billy announced to the world that there was religious freedom in Russia. Yes, beloved, Billy Graham, as much as I love him and hate to say it, I believe was cleverly used as a smokescreen and as a pied piper for the whore of Revelation. **AID**

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