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Sanctification by the Holy Spirit

"Being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." Romans 15:16.

"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience." 1 Pet. 1:2.

"Let us pray for the sanctification of His Spirit, that we may shine more and more brightly." Test. Vol. 8, p. 40.

If the work of sanctification would be left for us to do alone, then Romans chapter 7 would apply to the work of sanctification. An allowance would be made for human weakness. But this is not the case. The work of sanctification is being accomplished by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit had a part in the creation and when it was finished, everything was very good--perfect. The same way when the Holy Spirit is working in us for our sanctification, the result will be again very good--even perfect. Christians who believe that perfection in us is not possible, do dishonour God and His Holy Spirit. In other words, they are saying that God is not omnipotent. He is not able to sanctify us wholly as we read in 1 Thess. 5:23. "And the very God of Peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"True sanctification means perfect love, perfect obedience, perfect conforming to the will of God." AA, 565.

The old sinful nature of man will be crucified and a new divine nature will be implanted in us.

"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." Romans 6:6.

"The sanctification of the soul by the working of the Holy Spirit is the implanting of Christ's nature in humanity." COL, 384.

When the perfect divine nature of Christ, which did not commit sin, will be implanted in us, then with this new nature of Christ we can overcome sin and temptation and live a sinless life.

"Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." 1 John 3:9.

"All the righteous demands of God will be met through sanctification of the Holy Spirit." 1 Sel. Mes., 166.

"God alone can transform us. Christ breathed on His disciples and said, 'Receive ye the Holy Ghost.' This is the great gift of heaven. Christ imparted to them through the Spirit His own sanctification." SD, 294.

"If men are willing to be moulded, there will be brought about a sanctification of the whole being. The Spirit will take the things of God and stamp them on the soul." AA, 53.

What is required of us is the willingness to be moulded by the Holy Spirit. The work of the Holy Spirit in us will produce the fruit of sanctification which is, "Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

Which part of this fruit of the Spirit is the most precious? The answer is--meekness.

"The most precious fruit of sanctification is the grace of meekness... True meekness softens and subdues the heart and gives the mind a fitness for the engrafted word. It brings the thoughts into obedience to Jesus Christ... Meekness in the school of Christ is one of the marked fruits of the Spirit. It is a grace wrought by the Holy Spirit as a sanctifier, and enables its possessor at all times to control a rash and impetuous temper. Meekness is the inward adorning, which God estimates as of great price." ML, 253.

If we permit the Holy Spirit to do its work in us, a marked change can be seen in us.

"It is the Holy Spirit... that changes our character into the image of Christ. And when this is accomplished, we reflect, as in a mirror, the glory of the Lord." Rev. & Her., April 28, 1891.

"When the Spirit of Christ stirs the heart with its marvellous awakening power, there is a sense of deficiency in the soul that leads to contrition of mind and humiliation of self." Rev. & Her., Oct. 16, 1888.

The Jewish leaders, scribes and pharisees were very strict in the external points of the law and considered themselves holy and sanctified. Jesus exposed their false sanctification and called them hypocrites and the children of the devil. Today we find very few Christians being sanctified by the Spirit of God, because the first sign of the true sanctification is lacking, the meekness. A professed Christian who is satisfied with his own spiritual condition and feels superior to others has not been in the school of Christ. The Holy Spirit has not been his teacher. One seeking position and recognition is a stranger to Christ and has not even begun the work of sanctification. Such will soon be shaken out from the remnant people of God. It is the humility of heart, the childlike meekness in the soul that reveals the indwelling Holy Spirit in us. And this Spirit God is willing to give to everyone who is hungering and thirsting after righteousness and its fruit--holiness.

Let us open our hearts to this sanctifying influence of the Holy Spirit that our human nature can be changed to Christ's divine nature.

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The Church Called Christian

"And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord. Then tidings of these things came unto their ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." Acts 11:21-26

In this time of change and resistance to change, we must renew our vision of the church by reviewing what the Holy Spirit teaches us about it. We turn to study the pattern given us in the New Testament. In particular, let us look at the New Testament portrait of the church at Antioch, found in the eleventh chapter of the book of Acts.

The church at Antioch is the most complete example of a Spirit-led church. It was founded by the unpredictable blowing of the wind of the Holy Spirit. It gave us our name, Christian. It was the first church that included Gentiles as members. It called Saul out of Judaism and started him in the Christian ministry. In that city the cutting edge of truth caused the most important confrontation in the New Testament church. This resulted in a new outlook and new strength of organization. Antioch was where the action was. If we let Him, the Holy Spirit will do as much and even more for our church today.

First, observe what the Holy Spirit had to work with in beginning the church in Antioch. Acts 11:19,20. Notice the kind of people they were. They had lost their jobs, their homes and friends and were refugees from religious persecution. To them, Jesus was worth everything, and God allowed them to pay that price. The Holy Spirit can do nothing with people whose beliefs cost nothing. Real Christianity costs but it pays tremendously.

Notice something else. All these people were preachers. Read Acts 11:19 again. They travelled....preaching. They shared the only thing that they had left-the one who was most precious to them-Jesus Christ. Now I ask you, what do you think the Holy Spirit could accomplish throughout Canada if we all looked upon preaching as the most important thing we had to do?

Notice the kind of leadership they had. The Antioch church also had wise, spiritual leadership in Barnabas. Acts 11:22-24. Barnabas was a man who could rejoice in the success of others without envy. He could enthusiastically endorse plans and methods that he himself had not initiated. When he saw God's work succeeding among the people he was glad. We learn here that God's appointed leaders are not to function as funnels through whom everything must pass as if they were in control. They are to be watchmen with discernment to encourage and exhort. They are to allow room for God to control, through direct contact with His people through the Holy Spirit. It must be a problem for the Holy Spirit to share leadership with people who strive for position and authority. Or, they feel threatened when the Lord's work goes beyond their own capacity to plan and devise. Barnabas was not that kind of man.

This man Barnabas, started Paul in the ministry at Antioch. Years later, when Paul refused to work with the more passive and timid John Mark, Barnabas took the young man with him and saved him for God's work. I ask you, "What do you think the Holy Spirit could accomplish in Canada if all the members were this committed? And if our officers and leaders were as spiritual and imaginative as Barnabas?"

Notice the kind of results the Antioch church experienced when being led by the Holy Spirit. Several prominent things stand out in the portrait of this church. The most prominent of these was victory over racial and national prejudice. The Jewish refugees from Jerusalem did not anticipate joining in fellowship with Grecians. This was contrary to their lifelong religious and cultural background. But two disciples told their message to some of these non-Jewish people and no one could control the result. They believed! The Holy Spirit accepted them! The Holy Spirit chose a group from all different walks of life.

Acts 13:1 Simeon had a Jewish name, but he was called Niger which in Greek, means black. He was evidently a black man. Lucius is a Latin name, leading us to conclude that he was of Roman background. Manaen is a Greek name, and he is identified as having grown up with Herod. These men led the church in a unity that was miraculous and that set the pattern for the church for all time to come. People whose backgrounds were so different were subject one to another. Why? Because in the first place, all were subject to the Holy Spirit. What an earth-shaking organization a Christian church can be!

In this city with its great church God did not allow a spirit of the parish to develop. After only a year of growth, God asked the leaders of the church to give up their two pastor-evangelists, Saul and Barnabas. They had to go to a foreign mission.

Acts 13:2-4. There is no mention of the church's grief in losing such great leaders. When God calls it is always safe to respond. With their willing spirit of sacrifice the evangelization of all the world for Christ began. With the same spirit it will climax and close.

Another aspect of the Antioch church is revealed when the prophet Agabus told of a coming famine in Judea. The generosity of the church was spontaneous. Acts 11:29,30. Their response was from the heart, and so they gave according to their ability. This is the way people give when the Holy Spirit leads them. The men in Antioch understood the support and strength of the Christian brotherhood. It was a warm and friendly family-a comforting group to which to return, to which any person would be happy to belong. People need to belong, to feel at home, to be welcome. The greatest sickness in Canada today is loneliness. People need the fellowship of a Spirit-led church.

At this point, you may be thinking of the Antioch church as a peaceful group with all sweetness and no problems. But let's remember: the church militant is not the church triumphant. We must militate against sin, but always love sinners. You might even be discouraged as you think of your own church. But wait-I have encouraging news for you. Antioch was a church where difference came out into the open and could be discussed with friendliness and openness. When people from Judea came and urged circumcision, Jews and Gentiles were separated-they had no small dissension and disputation. Paul tells us that he withstood Peter to his face because he was to be blamed. Although it was a fiery moment-it was not a hopeless situation. Such never are when men are honest, sincere and willing to be taught of

God. The integrity of their search for truth was more important than the status of either Peter or Paul. Paul did not sacrifice honesty for strategy. A spiritual crisis on an important issue may be the Holy Spirit's way of guiding the church through study.

You might think that such disagreements would surely result in the forming of splinter groups in the church. Not so in Antioch. Not where the Holy Spirit is allowed to lead. The people themselves decided to submit the problem to the apostles and elders at Jerusalem. The unity of the church must be preserved. God leads many minds and in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

Notice what happened in Jerusalem. Peter, who had been publicly reprovved in Antioch, could, humanly speaking, be expected to harbor resentment. But, he revealed his greatness and submission to the Holy Spirit. In Acts 15 we hear Peter recounting the evidences of the Spirit's leading among the Gentiles. He recommended that they recognize the leading of God in the controversy and new concepts in Antioch. For him, a great leader, it was a great act of humble submission.

Nor was this discussion private, by an elite group. Many disciples must have been present in the open meeting. When the decision was reached a letter was prepared that said the whole church had been there.

The brethren in Jerusalem were even critical of themselves. They wrote, "we have heard that certain which went out from us have troubled you. The church felt free and secure under the leadership of the Spirit.

The local church submitted to the judgment of the apostles and elders, and the apostles and elders submitted to the evidence of divine leading in the local church. And when the apostle's letter came to Antioch they rejoiced at the exhortation. What confidence is evoked when leaders are led by the Holy Spirit.

The secret of the Antioch church is found in Acts 11:21. "The hand of the Lord was with them." His hand is in our church, too, though not as unrestrained as in Antioch. He is willing, if you and I are, to make ours such a church. To make room for Him to lead, we must look to Him for ourselves. I must be the kind of Christian that God can guide by the Holy Spirit. You must be too.

What kind of Christian is that? Antioch provides the answer. Here were people who saw Jesus suffer and die on the cross; here they were who went forth with a broken heart to tell the world about Him. They were people overwhelmed and transformed by their awareness of the love of Jesus. They were so affected by Him, talked so much about Him, acted so much like Him, that the Gentiles in Antioch called them Christians.

I ask you finally: if you were to go on trial for being a Christian tomorrow-would the court find enough evidence to pronounce you guilty of being a Christian? Ask God to make you sure that you are a Christian. And then we can be sure He will do great wonders for His church today.

Jerry Eaton





OUR STRONGEST WITNESS

It is not the opposition of the world that endangers us the most, it is the evil cherished in the hearts of professed believers that works our most grievous disaster and most retards the progress of God's cause. There is no surer way of weakening our spirituality than by being envious, suspicious of one another, full of faultfinding and evil surmising. "This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy, and good fruits without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." James 3:15-18.

Harmony and union existing among men of varied dispositions is the strongest witness that can be borne that God has sent His Son into the world to save sinners. It is our privilege to bear this witness. But, in order to do this, we must place ourselves under Christ's command. Our characters must be molded in harmony with His character, our wills must be surrendered to His will. Then we shall work together without a thought of collision.

Little differences dwelt upon lead to actions that destroy Christian fellowship. Let us not allow the enemy thus to gain the advantage over us. Let us keep drawing nearer to God and to one another. Then we shall be as trees of righteousness, planted by the Lord, and watered by the river of life. And how fruitful we shall be! Did not Christ say: "Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit"? John 15:8

Counsels for the Church, pp. 44-45



REBELLION

Reyna Conde

"Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry."

Lucifer, who was the son of the morning and covering cherub is the father of rebellion. His envy and jealousy brought forth pride and ambition. By coveting the position of Christ with His Father, he brought discord amongst the heavenly courts and was driven out of heaven.

Sin began with Satan and he brought his curse to man. He has led mankind to believe that the sins of rebellion and stubbornness are insignificant and part of the human character. As unimportant as these sins may look, they are the very ones that cause the loss of our salvation and eternal life. Satan knows this very well and that is why he works so hard at planting these seeds of rebellion in our hearts.

Let us step back into history and see the results of cherishing these sins.

Everyone is well acquainted with the history of the Israelites, and with their constant murmuring and complaining. After they had been told by God that they were to wander in the wilderness for forty years because of their unbelief and not get to enter into the promised land, the spirit of rebellion brought forth the bitterest fruits.

"But now a deep-laid conspiracy was formed, the result of a determined purpose to overthrow the authority of the leaders appointed by God Himself." P & P

Korah, a Levite of the family of Kohath and a cousin of Moses was the leader in this movement. He was a man of ability and influence and had been secretly opposing

the authority of Moses. Dathan and Abiram of the tribe of Reuben were also closely involved with Korah. They believed that being the descendants of the eldest son of Jacob, they deserved civil authority and the honours of the priesthood.

These three men were very successful in alienating two hundred and fifty princes of the children of Israel. God had shown Korah, Dathan and Abiram special favour and they were amongst those who went up with Moses to the mount and beheld the divine glory. But, their "jealousy had given rise to envy, and envy to rebellion. They had discussed the right of Moses to so great authority, and honour, until they had come to regard him as occupying a very enviable position, which any one of them could fill as well as he. And, they deceived themselves and one another into thinking that Moses and Aaron had themselves assumed the positions they held. The discontented ones said that these leaders had exalted themselves above the congregation of the Lord, in taking upon them the priesthood and government, but their house was not entitled to distinction above others in Israel; they were no more holy than the people, and it should be enough for them to be on a level with their brethren, who were equally favoured with God's special presence and protection." P & P

Korah, Dathan and Abiram managed to deceive a large part of the people telling them that it was not God's plan that they stay in the wilderness and that it was all Moses' fault. They told the people that the only reason that Moses had brought them to the wilderness was to steal their

possessions. Korah claimed that God had revealed to him to make a change in the government before it should be too late.

For a while this work was continued in secret, but when the movement had gained sufficient strength, they publicly accused Moses of taking the position that belonged to Korah, Dathan and Abiram. Moses was surprised when he heard this, he had not known about this or even suspected such events; but, like always he took the matter before the Lord who showed him the way out.

Dathan and Abiram hadn't been poisoned by rebellion as much as Korah had, and there was still a chance for them to repent. When Moses called them, they refused to come saying that Moses was pretending to be under divine guidance, so he could have authority over them. "Thus he who had been a tender father, a patient shepherd, was represented in the blackest character of a tyrant and usurper. The exclusion from Canaan, in punishment of their own sins was charged upon him." P & P. Moses made no effort at self-vindication and solemnly appealed to God to be his judge.

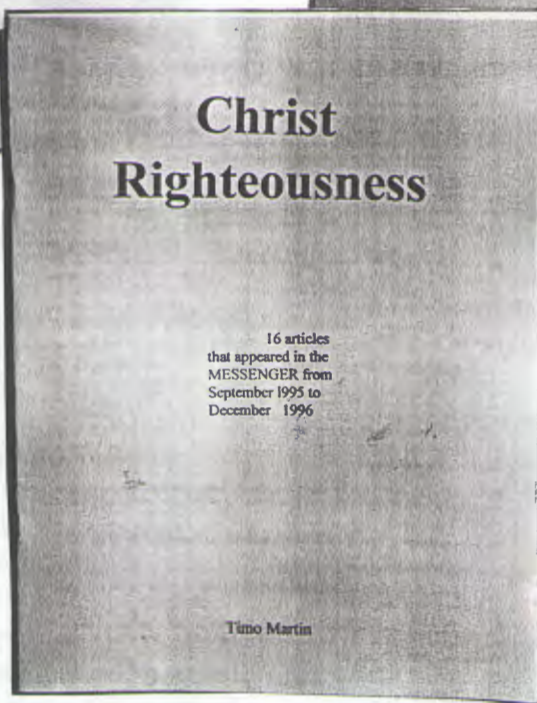
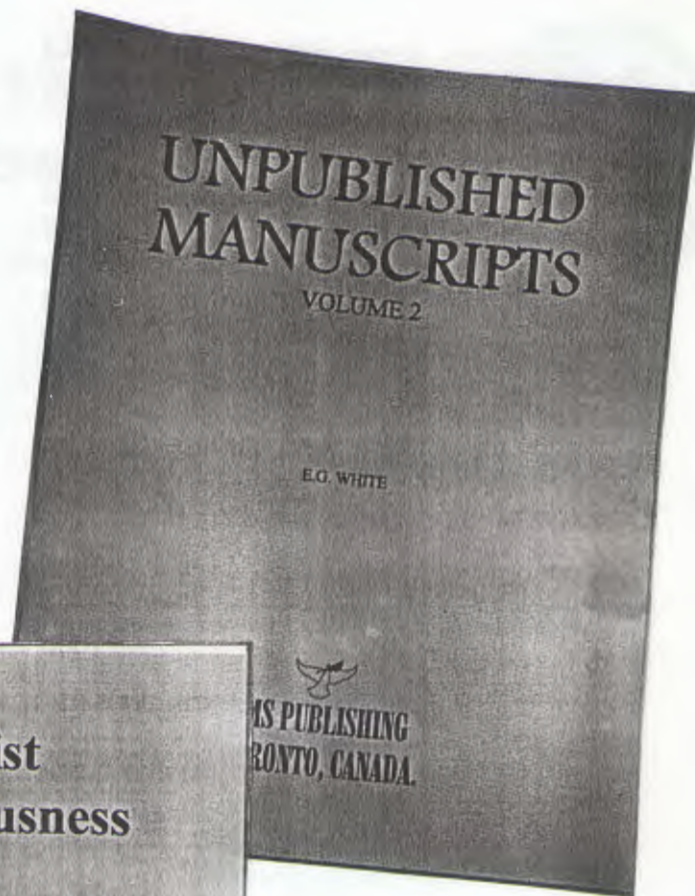
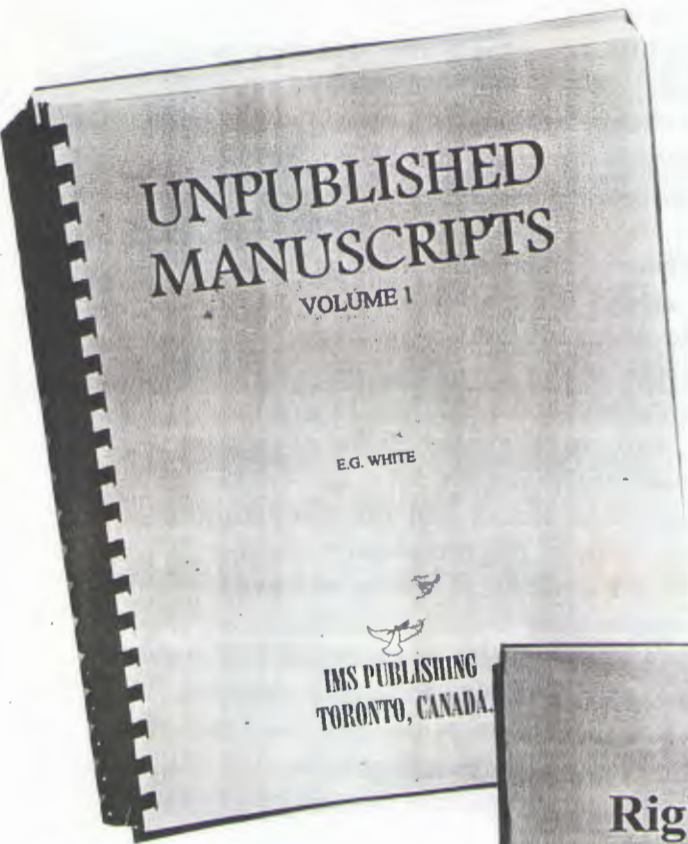
The following day Korah and his associates with the 250 princes came to the tabernacle, saying that victory was theirs. Moses told the people that if his words were not of God, and they died a natural death then God had not sent him, but if the earth opened up her mouth and swallowed them up alive, he was sent of the Lord. Korah could have been forgiven if he had repented, but his and the rebels stubborn persistence sealed their doom.

Moses' words came to pass and there was great fear in the camp. One night of repentance was granted to the deceived, but they hardened their hearts against the Holy Spirit and wanted to kill Moses, saying that he had killed the people of the Lord. Their great rebellion caused them to perish.

After this, the people saw that they were wrong and repented of their evil. A sign was shown to them (Aaron's blossoming rod) so that the spirit of rebellion would be quenched.

"Do not the same evils still exist today that lay at the foundation of Korah's ruin? Pride and ambition are widespread; and when these are cherished, they open the door to envy, and a striving for supremacy; the soul is alienated from God, and unconsciously drawn into the ranks of Satan. Like Korah and his companions, many, even of the professed followers of Christ, are thinking, planning, and working so eagerly for self-exaltation, that in order to gain the sympathy, and support of the people, they are ready to pervert the truth, falsifying and misrepresenting the Lord's servants, and even charging them with the base and selfish motives that inspire their own hearts.

"Let us be aware of these sins, however small they may seem, the rejection of light darkens the mind and hardens the heart, making every step into sin easier. No stronger evidence can be given of Satan's delusive power than that many who are thus led by him, deceive themselves with the belief that they are in the service of God. When Korah, Dathan and Abiram rebelled against the authority of Moses, they thought they were opposing only a human leader, a man like themselves, and they came to believe that they were verily doing God's service. But, in rejecting God's chosen instrument, they rejected Christ; they insulted the Spirit of God. So, in the days of Christ; the Jewish scribes and elders, who professed great zeal for the honour of God, crucified His Son. The same spirit still exists in the hearts of those who set themselves to follow their own will in opposition to the will of God." P & P.



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SCABIES

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." I Corinthians 12:13

Recently I spoke with one of my friends who had contracted the illness, scabies. Scabies is a highly contagious skin disorder. Actually it is microscopic mites burrowing underneath the skin. Needless to say, we kept our distance. What I found interesting though was that my friend not only had itchy skin but also felt very tired and lacked energy. She also could not concentrate well on her work. Her eyes were red for a couple of weeks and finally she came down with a cold. So, as we spoke, we realized that while one part of her body was sick, in reality the whole body suffered. Why should the eyes suffer while the skin is ailing, and why should her whole body feel weak because the skin is sick?

This idea made me think of the church - the body of Christ. If some members in the church are weak then the whole church is weak. What must be done in this case? Do we just cast out those weak members, the ones who haven't attended church for awhile, who haven't paid their tithes or have fallen into open sin? The Apostle Paul counsels us in Romans, "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." Romans 15:1

In Sister White's day, there were leaders in the church who held themselves aloof from the interests of the members. This was not God's will and He let them know through His chosen prophet. "There have been men in important places who have not been guardians of the interests of others. They have been wholly absorbed in their own interests and have neglected to preserve the reputation of the church. They have been selfish and avaricious, not moving with an eye single to the glory of God. The church as a whole is in a degree responsible for the wrongs

of its individual members because they countenance the evil in not lifting up their voice against it." *Test. Vol. 4*, p. 491 So as we then see these faults in our brothers (and we should notice them, not for the reason of censure and putting them down, but for the reason of desiring to encourage them and lift them up) what are we to do? Should we ignore a brother in his faults, hoping that he will see the light and change his ways or do we then shout their sins from the housetops? "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother." Matthew 18:15. "God reproves you for a sin of omission in not telling your brother his fault, and you excuse and comfort yourself by a sin of commission by telling your brother's faults to another person!" *Test. Vol. 2*, p. 53 "A wrong idea has been in the minds of some, to reprove without love, hold others to their idea of what is right, and spare not, but bear down with a crushing weight." *Test. Vol. 1*, p. 164 "It requires much forethought and wisdom from God to labour successfully for the salvation of sinners. If the soul of the labourer is filled with the grace of God, his teaching will not irritate his hearers, but melt its way to the hearts and open them for the reception of the truth." *Ibid*, p. 263 "No one was ever reclaimed from a wrong position by censure and reproach; but many are thus driven further from the right path and led to harden their hearts against conviction. A spirit of kindness, a courteous, forbearing deportment may save the erring and hide a multitude of sins." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 519

Witness the work of Jesus. He worked among the sinners, the publicans and the lower

class of society; those that were shunned by the leading brethren of the Jewish church at that time. He spoke to them in love. There was Zaccheus - a publican and extortioner - all Jesus said to him was that He was coming over to his house. The presence of Jesus, and the fact that He accepted him in his condition, and was willing to wipe away his sin while his own countrymen hated him, was enough to melt the heart of Zaccheus. Jesus did not outline for him what he had to do in making right that which he had done wrong. The Holy Spirit moving on his heart gave the answer and direction. Witness also the love of Jesus toward the woman taken in adultery whom the Jewish leaders brought to Jesus to condemn. Yes, the woman had committed a sin worthy of death according to Jewish law, but in the heart of Jesus was mercy and love. He knew very well the condition of the woman - how she was led into sin by the very ones who were condemning her. He knew the hearts of those condemning her and also the heart of the woman. She was truly sorry and repentant of her sin. He merely stooped down and wrote in the sand. When the Jewish leaders came to see what was being written, their faces turned pale and they stole away. What had Jesus written in the sand? It was the secret sins of those who were condemning her. Jesus rose and said, "He that is without sin, let him cast the first stone." No one dared to even try. Finally when all the condemners were gone Jesus turned to her and said, "Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more." How grateful Mary was to hear these words. Ever after she was one of the closest followers of Jesus. It was Mary that washed the feet of Jesus with her tears, it was Mary that was the first at the tomb after the Sabbath, it was Mary that was the first to proclaim a risen Saviour. How differently would Mary have acted had Jesus rudely condemned her and dismissed her. We must have the tact of Jesus when helping our brothers. "He [Jesus] fearlessly

denounced hypocrisy, unbelief, and iniquity, but tears were in His voice as He uttered His scathing rebukes." *Desire of Ages* p. 352 "God will hold us accountable for even one word spoken in contempt of one soul for whom Christ laid down His life." *Mount of Blessing*, p. 56

"Reformers are not destroyers. They will never seek to ruin those who do not harmonize with their plans and assimilate to them. Reformers must advance, not retreat. They must be decided, firm, resolute, unflinching; but firmness must not degenerate into a domineering spirit. God desires to have all who serve Him firm as a rock where principle is concerned, but meek and lowly of heart, as was Christ. Then, abiding in Christ, they can do the work He would do were He in their place. A rude, condemnatory spirit is not essential to heroism in the reforms for this time. All selfish methods in the service of God are an abomination in His sight." *Test. Vol. 6*, p. 151

We are to do what we can to restore our brother into fellowship in God's family, "But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." Matthew 18:16-17

Whether a person accepts or rejects our reproof, that should not affect our spiritual life. We have to do the work of the Lord and not everyone will accept. Many will reject because Ellen G. White spoke about a Mighty Shaking amongst God's people - a purging of the church of God from the dross - those that refuse to unify with the family of God in spirit and truth. Like the shakings of the scabies out of the skin (after the remedy has been applied) so in like manner a shaking will take place amongst God's people.

"God has not apportioned you your lot to merely watch over and care for yourselves. You are required to minister to, and watch over, others, and in this exercise you will manifest those evils in your character which need correcting, and will strengthen those weak points that need strengthening. This is the part of the work we have to perform; not impatiently, fretfully, unwillingly, but cheerfully, gladly, in order to reach Christian perfection. To remove from us everything which is not exactly agreeable is not imitating Christ." *Test. Vol 2*, p. 170 "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."

James 2:14-17

In order to eliminate the illness from the body, a remedy must be applied. That remedy is Jesus Christ and we are commissioned to apply the medication to ourselves and our brethren. Even then, some of the Scabies may hide in the dark corners of the body, and in like manner there will be secret sinners hiding in the church who will cause the body to suffer, but only God can apply the medication to these brethren. "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot hear: neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." Isaiah 59:1,2 "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:" Psalm 66:18 So if you are one of these brethren you can find healing in Jesus.

Once the body is healed it can become re-infected. If you shake a hand of a person with Scabies you could re-infect your whole

body unless you wash and cleanse that hand immediately and very thoroughly. Therefore if one member departs from the line of truth it is essential that his brethren, with loving appeals, make an effort to draw him back into unity and fellowship with the believers, lest he influence some of the other believers in the wrong pathway also. "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." 1 Cor. 15:33 We are not to be policemen in the church watching for our brethren to fall, but as the Lord reveals a problem in a brother to us He is asking us, in that same revelation, to go and help them. The Lord will often reveal the problem first to the person that He feels is best suited to help that person and we must be faithful to that trust. It is best to act right away because, just as these bugs can transmit secondary diseases, so one sin, if not checked, can lead to another one and another. Then the medication will take a longer time to do its work. There can still be a cure, by the grace of God, but how much easier it would be to remedy the matter immediately.

"If one of these little ones shall be overcome, and commit a wrong against you, then it is your work to seek his restoration. Do not wait for him to make the first effort for reconciliation. . . In the spirit of meekness, "considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted" (Gal. 6:1), go to the erring one, and "tell him his fault between thee and him alone." Do not put him to shame by exposing his fault to others, nor bring dishonour upon Christ by making public the sin or error of one who bears His name. Often the truth must be plainly spoken to the erring; he must be led to see his error, that he may reform. But you are not to judge or to condemn. Make no attempt at self-justification. Let all effort be for his recovery. In treating the wounds of the soul, there is need of the most delicate touch, the finest sensibility. Only the love that flows from the Suffering One of Calvary can avail here. With pitying tenderness, let brother deal with

brother, knowing that if you succeed, you will "save a soul from death," and "hide a multitude of sins." James 5:20 " *Desire of Ages*, p. 440

"But it is to the wrong doer himself that we are to present the wrong. We are not to make it a matter of comment and criticism among ourselves; nor even after it is told to the church, are we at liberty to repeat it to others. A knowledge of the faults of Christians will be only a cause of stumbling to the unbelieving world; and by dwelling upon these things, we ourselves can receive only harm; for it is by beholding that we become changed. While we seek to correct the errors of a brother, the Spirit of Christ will lead us to shield him, as far as possible, from the criticism of even his own brethren, and how much more from the censure of the unbelieving world. We ourselves are erring, and need Christ's pity and forgiveness, and just as we wish Him to deal with us, He bids us deal with one another." *Ibid*, p. 441

We as God's remnant church today have a common enemy. The great red dragon spoken about in Revelation 12 - the Devil. He exults when he is able to get God's people spending their energy fighting each other. We are so near to the close of this earth's history that it is now that we have to unite together and fight the one common enemy that we have. Satan's method is 'divide and conquer' but in unity there is strength. "If the world sees a perfect harmony existing in the church of God, it will be a powerful evidence to them in favour of the Christian religion. Dissensions, unhappy differences, and petty church trials dishonour our Redeemer. All these may be avoided if self is surrendered to God and the followers of Jesus obey the voice of the church. Unbelief suggests that individual independence increases our importance, that it is weak to yield our own ideas of what is right and proper to the verdict of the church, but to yield to such feelings and views is unsafe and will bring us into anarchy

and confusion. Christ saw that unity and Christian fellowship were necessary to the cause of God. . . . in union only is there strength." *Test. Vol. 4*, p. 19 "The companies of believers, though scattered over a large territory, were all members of one body;" *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 95

"There is but one church in the world who are at the present time standing in the breach, and making up the hedge, building up the old waste places; and for any man to call the attention of the world and other churches to this church, and denouncing her as Babylon, is to do a work in harmony with him who is the accuser of the brethren. Is it possible that men will arise from among us, who speak perverse things, and give voice to the very sentiments that Satan would have disseminated in the world in regard to those who keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus? Is there not work enough to satisfy your zeal in presenting the truth to those who are in the darkness of error?" *R & H, Sept. 5, 1893* "When men arise, claiming to have a message from God, but instead of warring against principalities and powers, and the rulers of the darkness of this world, they form a hollow square, and turn the weapons of warfare against the church militant, be afraid of them. They do not bear the divine credentials. God has not give them any such burden of labour. They would tear down that which God would restore by the Laodicean message. He wounds only that he may heal, not cause to perish. The Lord lays upon no man a message that will discourage and dishearten the church. He reproves, He rebukes, He chastens; but it is only that he may restore and approve at last." *Ibid, October 17, 1893*

Now in these closing scenes of this earth's history Satan is going about as "a roaring lion, . . . seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5:8. He is seeking to devour the weaker members of the church of God and

those that are stronger are to help the weaker vessels in the family, or the whole 'body' will become sicker and sicker like my friend with the scabies. When one part of the body is ailing the whole body is affected and each one of us has a duty to our fellow man to uplift, encourage and inspire with hope in Christ. "Men may profess faith in the truth; but if it does not make them sincere, kind, patient, forbearing, heavenly-minded, it is a curse to its possessors, and through their influence it is a curse to the world." *Desire of Ages*, p. 310

God is looking for His church to be united in Spirit and in truth and then will the Latter Rain be poured out upon His waiting, praying children. Let us do our part to hasten His coming in encouraging and helping our brethren and uniting together against our common enemy. Then we will triumph in Christ and not be found wanting on that great Judgement day. Amen Wendy Eaton



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SPARE THE CHILD.

*"If you love your children, you will correct them;
if you don't love them, you won't correct them"
-Prov. 13:24 (Contemporary English Version)*

We as adults and parents and children all share one common experience; an experience with which we can all identify and what nowadays is called "corporal punishment".

Children who have received this form of discipline have suffered much pain. What has been done to most of the children in this country has been done universally to children all over the world. The actual implements of punishment range from hands to belts to rods to switches to rulers to boards to paddles to whips and to almost anything else the grown-ups might have thought of when hitting children and inflicting pain for the purposes of discipline and punishment. Most of us have experienced it, most of us have done it; most of us believe in doing it.

I felt impressed to research and write this article because as a parent and a grandparent I have witnessed this form of punishment both within the church and outside of the church. Christian parents are not excluded from this behaviour. I have seen it practised much too often within Christian families. The recurring motive in all these instances is that a very angry parent, totally out of control with his/her own emotions, inappropriately finds an outlet for their anger by inflicting undue pain on a child through physical punishment, and, more often than not, the punishment is way out of proportion to the misdemeanour of the child.

What are the reasons most parents physically punish their children? What triggers the parents to become so angry that all reason flies out the window? Are they

not behaviours we see in our children that we also possess and specifically don't like about ourselves? In essence we are physically giving a child a "good licking" because he behaves just like we do. Children imitate the parents. The parents are their role models in early years. Public and private misbehaviours of small children are a mirror reflection of how the parents conduct themselves in situations in their everyday lives.

I can recall so many times sitting in a church and all of a sudden a mother with a very angry countenance gets up dragging an unruly child by its arm out of the sanctuary and the minute the door has been closed behind them, the sounds of hitting and verbal abuse to that child and the resulting cries of pain are unmistakable even within the sanctuary. It is at moments like these that the mother should fall on her knees and ask God and that child for forgiveness.

I have often witnessed parents who are not Christians chastising their children in public places where everyone can hear them, "if you're not going to do what I tell you now, when we get home, I'm going to beat the daylights out of you". The child is standing there, cowering in fear of what is to come later. And by just looking at that child's face, you know that this child has had the "daylights" beaten out of him time and time again. I wish, at that moment, that I could somehow shield that child from such a fate.

I also remember my own child when he was very young. While attending church during the childrens' Sabbath School class he had misbehaved. Instead of taking him aside and talking to him, the teacher saw it fit to

inflict physical punishment on him on the spot. She took him by his ear, pulled him out of the class and twisted the ear so hard that he cried and on top of that heaped verbal insults on him. He is now in his 30s but he has never forgotten what this "Christian" Sabbath School teacher did to him. He does not remember any of the lessons she taught. The only thing indelibly written in his memory is the physical punishment.

The most common saying in disciplining children throughout the ages has been, "Spare the rod, spoil the child". How necessary is the use of the rod in disciplining children? Does discipline equal punishment? I think anyone can use a rod on a child as a tool of controlling behaviour. This does not take sensitivity, judgment, understanding or talent. This is where the critical error is made by a parent who assumes that discipline indeed equals punishment.

What is discipline?

Discipline is **training, guiding** and **teaching** the child in the way he should go. Punishment is only one part of this, and the less the better. Many parents erroneously believe that punishment is the only way to train a child. It is extremely important to consider the following statement: **the better disciplined a child is, the less punishment will be required.** And how does the child acquire this discipline? By having the parents train, guide and teach him. We just mentioned that discipline is **training the child** not punishing him.

Consequences of Physical Punishment

Anxiety and Fear

Once a child has been hit, the memory is encoded in his brain and body for life. For

the child, the anticipation of the pain becomes a part of the punishment and the resulting anxiety and dread that this generates cannot be easily erased. As a result, fear now becomes the central component in the physical disciplinary process. We know that children cry when they are hurt and frightened and corporal punishment entails both pain and fear. Fear becomes the child's primary motivation for obedience.

Anger and Hate

Love in a child's life is natural; hate is created. All children love their parents, but some do learn to hate them. When a child is being physically assaulted in the name of discipline, anger and rage is produced in the child just as it would be if the recipient was an adult. Long after the pain has subsided, the anger remains and shapes the child's emotions. Anger becomes the child's best and often the only defense, because the child feels being violated by painful blows and hurtful words. These emotions are permanently stored in the memories of children.

Empathy and Apathy

What parents least appreciate about the consequences of physical punishment is that it stifles empathy and compassion for oneself and others. By hurting a child, a parent, while imposing discipline, is teaching him a lesson in indifference to suffering as well as one in obedience. Much pain has been inflicted in the name of morality and conscience while empathy, compassion and respect for others are totally absent.

Violence

Research has shown over and over again that violence breeds violence. Physical punishment trains children to accept and tolerate aggression and violence because

after all, physical assaults are used by their parents to teach obedience and submission. Children who were spanked, whipped and beaten carry their feelings of anger, rage, anxiety, fear, terror, hatred and hostility into their adult relationships. These patterns of aggression and pain directed against children become the models for the children when they themselves reach adulthood. We as parents are so careful to shield our children from the violence in the media and the world outside of our homes, but we ignore our behaviour towards our children in our homes which often is no different from that portrayed by the outside world.

Christian Discipline

I would like us now to turn to look at the instruction in the Spirit of Prophecy and the Bible regarding the way to discipline our children.

In 1 John 4:16-21 (Rev. Standard Version) we read the following:

" God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because he first loved us. If any one says, "I love God" and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also."

John states that God is love and we all believe this. The ambivalence that so many parents feel about inflicting pain and using physical assaults in their discipline of children can be resolved, once and for all, by heeding these words. As John says "fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears

is not perfected in love", therefore, parents should do their utmost to banish fear from child-rearing. Fear causes love to be stifled by constricting our ability to feel and to live.

The book of Proverbs talks much about child rearing. But if you read it carefully, Solomon talks about "**train** up a child in the way he should go"; "**correct** thy son"; "**chasten** (reprimand, reprove) thy son"; "**teach** your children right from wrong". The Spirit of Prophecy concurs with this. Sis. White writes that a parent "should not use the rod if it is possible to avoid doing so". She further warns the parent "that this is not done for the gratification of the parent, or to indulge arbitrary authority, but for the child's own good". More often than not parents give their children passionate blows out of their own anger and uncontrolled emotions. "As parents you stand in the place of God to your children, and you are to be on guard....A child is not a horse or a dog to be ordered about according to your imperious will, or to be controlled under all circumstances by a stick or whip, or by blows with the hand...Never raise your hand to give them a blow unless you can with a clear conscience bow before God and ask His blessing upon the correction you are about to give. Encourage love in the hearts of your children. Present before them high and correct motives for self-restraint. Do not give them the impression that they must submit to control because it is your arbitrary will, because they are weak, and you are strong, because you are the father, they the children. If you wish to ruin your family, continue to govern by brute force, and you will surely succeed" *Child Guidance, pp 250-252*

I often wonder what goes through a child's mind whose physical punishment is meted out to him/her by a blow of a parent's hand. Often a parent will try and justify the action that the child only gets a swat on its bottom and thereby the physical pain is minimized in the parent's mind. Here is the same hand

that lovingly caresses a sick child's brow, soothes the child's pain, holds the child in a loving embrace and the next minute that hand is being used as an instrument that inflicts pain. How does a child reconcile the fact that the parent says, "I love you" and then hits the child? The child eventually begins to believe that getting hit is being loved. What a paradox indeed! In such an instance, "do you think it enables him (the child) to see the beauty of Christian character? No indeed; it only tends to raise evil feelings in the heart, and the child is not corrected at all". *Ibid. p. 282*

"But if the parents are severe and exacting in their discipline, they do a work which they themselves can never undo. By their arbitrary course of action, they stir up a sense of injustice" *Ibid. p. 282*

When disciplining children, a parent has to also take into consideration childish ignorance. "Children do not always discern right from wrong, and when they do wrong, they are often treated harshly, instead of being **kindly instructed**." *Ibid. p. 259*

It is very important in child discipline to take into consideration the age of the child. A child who is of school age (7 and over) can understand reasoning and talking. Repetitive physical punishment for every mistake for a child of this age has an enormous negative impact. It will begin to arouse in the child a spirit of obstinacy and stubbornness, later leading to disrespect of authority and worst of all, it may cause the total disregard for the Law of God. Sister White writes in *Test. for the Church, Vol. 1* "Children of eight, ten, or twelve years are old enough to be addressed on the subject of personal religion." If children of this age are able to understand such a concept, then they can understand right from wrong and truly, physical punishment of a child of that age is most inappropriate. At this age the child's mind has developed enough that he

understands the concept of "cause and effect". He will reason in his mind that violence (physical punishment) anger and verbal abuse is the way to deal with situations in life - not talking or reasoning. To an older child a physical punishment causes much more damage than it would to a young child who cannot be reasoned with.

"The Lord wants the hearts of these children from their very babyhood to be given to His service. While they are too young to reason with, divert their minds as best you can; and as they become older, teach them by precept and example that you cannot indulge their wrong desires." *Child Guidance p. 244*

"Parents, can you not see that harsh words provoke resistance? What would you do if treated as inconsiderately as you treat your little ones? It is your duty to study from cause to effect. When you scolded your children, when with angry blows you struck those who were too small to defend themselves, did you ask yourself what effect such treatment would have upon you? Have you thought how sensitive you are in regard to words of censure or blame? how quickly you feel hurt if you think that someone fails to recognize your capabilities? You are but grown-up children. Then think how your children must feel when you speak harsh, cutting words to them, severely punishing them for faults that are not half so grievous in the sight of God as is your treatment of them." *Ibid. p. 280*

We have an enormous task and a challenge as Christian parents, confronting us in teaching, training and soul-saving of our children. When Jesus was on this earth, He had a special place in his heart for the children. In Matthew 19:13-15 we read how Jesus told the disciples who wanted to keep the children away from Jesus, to "suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven".

Matt. 18:1-6 shows Jesus' attitude towards the children. He felt a deep compassion and love towards them and he asked the disciples and others that they should "take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.....Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish". Matt. 18:10, 11, 14. Nowhere in the Bible does it quote Jesus condoning mistreatment of children.

In the book of Colossians 3:19 we read the following, "Parents, don't be hard on your children. If you are, they might give up". (CEV)

In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he admonishes, "Parents, don't be hard on your children. Raise them properly. **Teach** them and **instruct** them about the Lord". (CEV)

My wish and prayer is that we as parents would heed the counsels of the Spirit of Prophecy and the Word of God in our own lives first so that we can become effective Christian parents, with the right discernment, able to bring our children up in the love and nurture of Christ.

"Impatience in the parents excites impatience in the children. Passion manifested by the parents creates passion in the children and stirs up the evils of their nature. Some parents correct their children severely in a spirit of impatience, and often in passion. Such corrections produce no good result. In seeking to correct one evil, they create two. Continual censuring and whipping hardens children and weans them from their parents. Parents should first learn to control themselves, then they can more successfully control their children. Every

time they lose self-control, and speak and act impatiently, they sin against God. They should first **reason** with their children, clearly **point out their wrongs, show them their sin, and impress upon them that they have not only sinned against their parents but against God.** With your own heart subdued and full of pity and sorrow for your erring children, pray with them before correcting them." *Test. for the Church, Vol.1, p.398*

If we live our lives as Christ would want us to live, be the role models for our children, our examples will be the most powerful witness for the lives of our children. They will imitate our behaviour in their lives. We have been given our children as a trust from God. We must pray and work for their salvation. We must heed Sis. White's instruction in Child Guidance on p. 251 "Never give your child a passionate blow, unless you want him to learn to fight and quarrel. As parents you stand in the place of God to your children, and you are to be on guard." However, we must learn to be on guard at all times with our children by **teaching and instructing them in love** and by reversing that old adage into "spare the child and spoil the rod". AMEN



Sunday Law ? Coming your way soon !!!

One hundred years ago, the world mocked the Adventist view of the time of the end. The very notion that freedom in America should end, sounded like a fairy tale. "America will always be free, because it was founded on the principles of freedom. The Constitution will never be changed..." the unbelievers said. However, the ridicule is dying away as the current religious and political events show that the Adventist view is correct. In my article, I will prove to you that the mark of the beast is coming soon. I have done a lot of research before I wrote this article, and it is sent forward in prayer that it will benefit those who are not ready to meet the upcoming crisis.

The change in the Constitution

Let me start off by mentioning some of the recent political events. Perhaps all of you know the co-leader of the Republican party and the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Newt Gingrich. It is not rare to see him on television. He is a very popular figure in American politics. However, few know that he is a freemason and a strong supporter of the New World Order. Not too long ago, two American writers, Alvin and Heidi Toffler, wrote a book called "Creating a New Civilization". Before quoting from it, let me mention that Newt Gingrich liked the book so much, that he not only wrote an introduction to this book, but recommended it to the Senate of the United States. Here are a few quotes:

"The Constitution of the United States needs to be reconsidered and altered...to create a whole new structure of government...Building a Third Wave civilization on the wreckage of Second Wave institutions involves the design of new, more appropriate political structures...The system that served us so well must, in its turn, die and be replaced." It is here ! The campaign for the change in the Constitution has already started ! It has many supporters, not just one man, rather there is a whole structure behind this campaign to alter the Constitution. The Senate has been infected with these dangerous ideas. But let me go on to mention religious events of even deeper significance.

Welcome, "Jesus" !

Sister White wrote in TM, page 411: "Satan will take the field and personate Christ.", and also in GC, page 624: "As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. The shout of triumph rings out upon the air: "Christ has come ! Christ has come !" The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him, while he lifts up his hands and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed His disciples when He was upon the earth. His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody..." I have always been aware of these statements, however I always thought the fulfillment was connected to some distant time in the future. I'm sure there are others in the church that have the same attitude. But imagine my astonishment, when I discovered that the mainstream Protestants are starting to preach that Christ will appear physically in the churches very soon ! Don't believe me ? Well, just ask one of the most influential preachers in North America, Kenneth Copeland. You can catch his show every Sunday

on television. His crusades are well-known and highly esteemed. Quite recently, he started to make claims that God gave him a vision. God told him that "Jesus would soon begin to appear in a physical form in the churches." He would be "seen walking down the aisles and then would disappear." This would occur "in churches with increasing frequency."

It is interesting to note that the spiritists and occultists teach the same doctrine. Will Baron, former spiritist and occultist and the author of the book "Deceived by the New Age", remembers the revelation he received while he was a servant of Satan. He was told that his spirit masters (Satan and demons) "would materialize themselves in a physical form and be seen" during the church services. This teaching will spread like fire. This is to be a part of a process in which Satan will "appear in visual, physical form in the world in order to promote the New Age teachings in a more dynamic manner than before". As Sister White stated, the church looks for the coming of Christ now. However in Matthew 24:44, Christ clearly states that he will come when the church will not expect him ! This is another proof that fake Christ, Satan, has to come first and deceive many.

As you have seen, the predictions from the Spirit of Prophecy are being fulfilled as we speak. By now, you are probably asking yourself : "Will this happen in my life time ?" Well, read on.

"Look up and lift up your heads..."

Let me quote from Malachi Martin's book called "The Keys of This Blood". Malachi Martin is a Jesuit professor and an expert on Roman Catholic influence in the New World. Regarding the timing of the establishment of New World Order by the Pope, he writes: "Those of us who are under seventy will see at least the basic structure of the new world government installed. Those of us under forty will surely live under its legislation, executive, and judiciary authority and control..."

Scary. However, Malachi Martin could be wrong. After all, he is just a human being. The time might be much, much shorter for us. We have to prepare for the test today. Today is the day of salvation.

When Jacob wrestled with Christ, his sins were confessed and put away long before. When a student studies for his exams, he does not prepare DURING the exam, but BEFORE. Let us therefore prepare for the time of Jacob's trouble now. Let me point to some of the statements from the Spirit of Prophecy, that give us an idea as to what our personal duty is, in these final days.

Do you have "clean hands and pure hearts" ?

"Jesus spoke: "Those who have clean hands and pure hearts shall be able to stand; My grace is sufficient for you." Early Writings, page 16. The importance of this message can hardly be exaggerated. It is meant to warn God's people living in the final days. Notice that there are two conditions mentioned. Let us look at them:

1) Clean hands. In some societies, the outward cleanness is very highly regarded. It is considered wrong to eat with dirty hands. However, Christ wasn't talking about outward cleanness, but rather cleanness from your sins. What is written in the books of heaven about your sins ? Are your sins pardoned ? Have you asked the Saviour to forgive you ? Clean hands are a sign of the justification - your sins being forgiven.

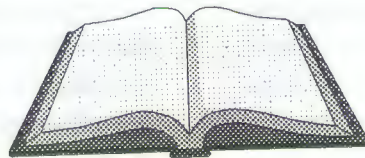
2) Pure hearts. It is written: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8. The

purity of character is stressed very much by Christ, and can be attained only through Him. Therefore, it is vital to understand "Christ Our Righteousness" message which brings us this beautiful message of perfect sanctification. That is the purity of heart and way of life - justification (clean hands), sanctification (pure hearts). If we experience these in our lives, we will also experience the final step of the whole process when Christ will come - glorification.

Let me close with the following quotes. "Now, while our great High Priest is making the atonement for us, we should seek to become perfect in Christ...Satan could find nothing in the Son of God that would enable him to gain the victory...This is the condition in which those must be found who shall stand in the time of trouble...It is in this life that we are to separate sin from us...Our precious Saviour invites us to join ourselves to Him, to unite our weakness to His strength, our ignorance to His wisdom, our unworthiness to His merits..." Great Controversy, page 623
AMEN

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Travelling on the Sabbath



"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Ex. 20:8.

"There is danger of falling into carelessness on this point, and doing that which is not positively essential to do on the Sabbath. Unnecessary travelling is done on the Sabbath, with many other things which might be left undone. 'Take heed,' saith the Lord, 'to all thy ways, lest I remove My Holy Spirit because of the lax regard given to my precepts.' 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.' Bear in mind the charge to remember. Do not carelessly forget, 'Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work.' In this time all the duties necessary to prepare for the Sabbath are to be done." MM, 50.

"If we desire the blessing promised to the obedient, we must observe the Sabbath more strictly. I fear that we often travel on this day when it might be avoided. In harmony with the light which God has given in regard to the observance of the Sabbath, we should be more careful about travelling on the boats or cars on this day. In these matters we should set a right example before our children and youth." Test. Vol. 6: 360.

Once it was asked in the church if someone would offer one million dollars to us for working one hour on the Sabbath, would we do it. All unanimously said firmly, no, they would not break the Sabbath for anything.

Yet sometimes we may save a little money by travelling on the Sabbath rather than some other

day. Is this the right motive to break the Sabbath, to save money? Certainly not. Medical doctors sometimes have to travel to their patients on the Sabbath. What does the Spirit of Prophecy say about it?

"Physicians should not suppose that it is right for them to make appointments or to travel on the Sabbath. Not only by precept but also by example they should honour the true Sabbath, which is to be immortalized as the evidence that God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, placing the command concerning it in the very bosom of the Decalogue. It is to be sacredly observed." KC, 43.

"Observance of the Sabbath--let no man, because he is a physician, feel at liberty to do those things which God has forbidden. He should not travel on the Sabbath unless this is a necessity in order to relieve suffering humanity. He should plan his work so as to obey God's requirements. The Lord says, 'Verily, my Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations.' Ex. 31:13." KC, 60.

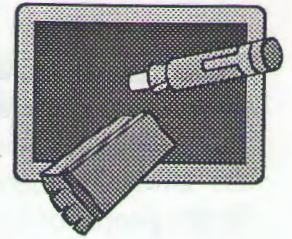
Our great test will be on the Sabbath in the last days. Those who have kept it carelessly will easily give it up rather than suffer persecution for it. May God help us to keep the Sabbath holy.

AMEN.





CURRENT SCENE



Euthanasia: just another sign that the end is near?

It is said that any society is best judged by how it treats its most vulnerable members. This rings true in many ways: first the unborn, who are most helpless, are targeted, and then, the physically or mentally infirm. Take for example, the experience in the Netherlands. Since 1973 in Holland there has been one downward step after another taken in the courts so that now euthanasia is tacitly approved. Many see the Netherlands experience as the "slippery slope" physicians may find themselves on if they go along with any form of physician-assisted death. A 1994 survey conducted by the Canadian Medical Association Journal found that 63% of respondents believed that legalization of euthanasia for terminal illnesses would lead to euthanasia for many other, unsupported reasons. Given the Dutch experience, this is a legitimate fear. Dutch guidelines require patients be terminally ill but Dutch physicians have been terminating patients for non-terminal illnesses such as multiple sclerosis, blindness and severe depression.

As more and more Christian commentators pick up the euthanasia issue as a popular cause, as they have already picked up the abortion issue, will this be used by Christian leaders as a rallying cry for a back-to-morality and decency in their political platform? We know from Bible prophecy that a massive religious backlash will culminate with the Mark of the Beast. The only question now is, not which issues will be used by the Christian Coalition on the political right, (because there are so many issues on every side) but when will they push the issues together with Sunday legislation?

Christians - The New Objects of Persecution?

In a recent article in the Vancouver Sun, the Jewish director of the Hudson Institute in Washington, D.C., Michael Horowitz said, "The fastest-growing human rights issue in the world today is the persecution of Christians. Christians are becoming the Jews of the 21st century: the scapegoat of choice for the thugs of the world." The article went on to say: "In Iran, outspoken evangelical leaders have been assassinated. In Algeria, guerrillas kill monks and nuns. In Egypt, radical Muslim groups burn Coptic churches. In Saudi Arabia, it's illegal to be a Christian. In repressive Indonesia and Nigeria, Muslim mobs have attacked Christians. In Communist Vietnam, North Korea, Laos and Cuba, pastors have been imprisoned.

"Why are Christians so often targeted today? 'Many authoritarian governments are afraid of what happened in Russia and Eastern Europe, where churches became a rallying point for opposition.'

"But Christians aren't being hammered for their faith only by hard-line Muslims..or in Communist and former communist regimes. Christians...are doing it to each other.

"In Ethiopia, Orthodox Christian mobs burn Protestants' homes and businesses. In Mexico...pseudo-Catholics in Chiapas recently drove 35,000 evangelicals off the land. In Russia, non-Orthodox Christians are legally discriminated against."

Whenever the gospel is not only preached, but lived out, it has been invested with a vital power which always arouses persecution. God's people will always be opposed, mocked and derided-if we uplift the purity of the faith-because this is what is more of a threat to the powers of this dark world. Our church has suffered persecution continually under communism and every totalitarian regime-it is nothing new for the people of God. The point I find of interest is, that it is only now that the secular media is trying to arouse sympathy for "Christians". Now, when nominal Christianity has achieved more popularity and growth than perhaps anytime in modern history, the ones that help form public opinion have discovered our cause-or is the cause only a political one?

The Divide and Conquer Mentality-Alive and Well in Canada (actually all over the world).

Just as nature hates a vacuum, so as the balance of power has tipped toward democracy and free market economics with the demise of communism, there are many forces contending for supremacy around the world. (History teaches us that a political flow chart goes like: democracy - anarchy - dictatorship. The forces for anarchy are building quite rapidly in most democracies.) Even here in the "Developed West" it is no different. Canada has its Quebec secessionists, which themselves are racked with internal secessionists now. A recent Vancouver Sun article shows how they cannot agree on even basic guiding principles. So, if all they care about is cutting their losses and running, there will be plenty of turncoats and traitors that will fill that bill.

As in the political world, so in the religious arena, since fallen human nature works out the deeds of the flesh on every level. Confederacy, (which emphasizes a negative focus) and Compromise have always been different than Unity, (which uplifts Christ and the truth). The pseudo-reform of 1951 is a good example of the secede (don't forgive) and run mode. Prophecy states that there would be confusion on every side in the last days. We, more than ever before must see God's church as His city of refuge, which He holds in a revolted world. His church is the "apple of His eye" and any betrayal of it, is treachery to God. May the Lord help us to look past one another's faults to see one another's needs, in order to receive the Latter Rain and give the Loud Cry. It will only be a united people that have come into unity on thought, feeling and action that will be entrusted with this power of the Holy Spirit. May God truly empower every one of His people to pour forth the straight testimony which we know will cause the shaking.

No Saint-Behind Mother Teresa's image are a suspect agenda and some unsavoury friends

This was exactly the title of an article from the *London Guardian* some time before "Mother" Teresa's health problems surfaced. The article shows how she has made good friends and accepted much support from some of the most dubious rulers and unscrupulous businessmen around the world. Included in this list were the Duvalier family-the former rulers of Haiti, the regimes of El Salvador and Guatemala, Charles Keating and Robert Maxwell-the discredited and scandalized heads of financial empires.

"....She travels the globe acting as the enforcer, within and without the church, of a highly political papacy," and "her work was not for its own sake, but was part of an effort at proselytization," said the article. Whenever "Mother" Teresa is called upon to accept any kind of award or accolade she uses it as an opportunity to preach the papal agenda and doctrine. A surprising number of ex-volunteers have come forward to say that the charitable contributions that she raises must not be going to their order-

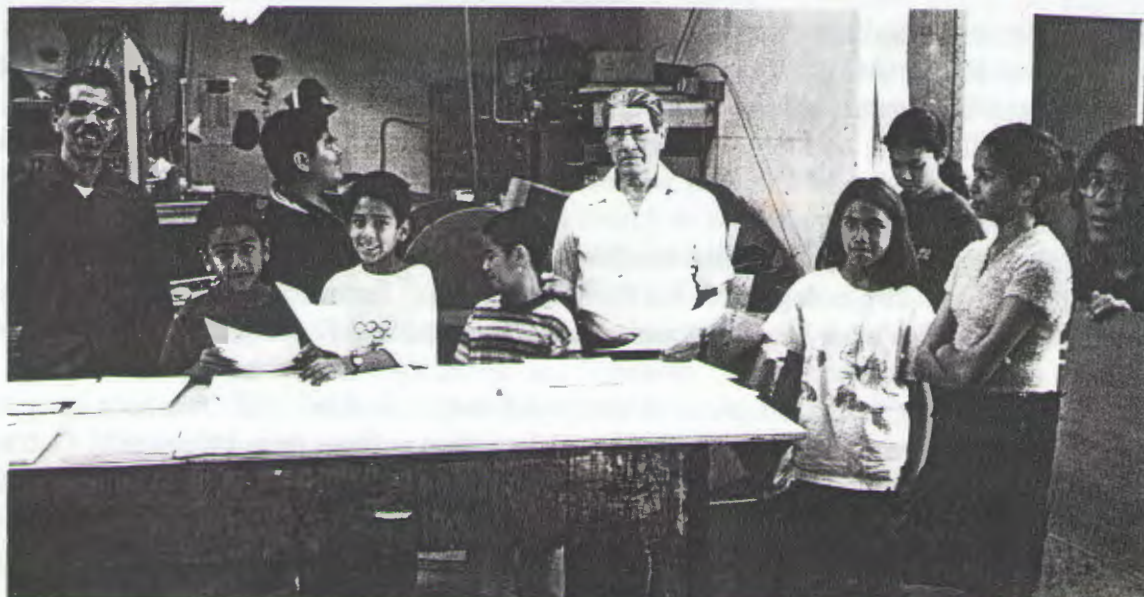
because they still have very few resources. Also, "The editor of a British medical magazine, *The Lancet*, who reported on the primitive conditions in Mother Teresa's clinics is only the latest visitor to notice that her business is to pray over the dead rather than succour the living."

We must remember that all is not as it appears to be in this dark and troublesome time in which we live. As Thomas Jefferson said: "A nation that expects to be ignorant and free expects what never was and never will be." We must watch and pray in order to be free from the deceptions and errors foisted off on an unbelieving and yet, gullible public by the "rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Muslims coming to Christ? Or, to the Virgin Mary?

As was reported in a recent Campus Crusade for Christ newsletter, Muslims are seeing visions of Jesus and the Virgin Mary. This is especially important now since the two main allies that have come out of the last two U.N. Conferences in Beijing and Cairo have been the Muslims and the Catholics. (They were both in agreement to stay repressive and dogmatic in their systems of self-righteousness.) In the past, there have always been demons for the powers of Christendom to point to as the anti-christ: Communism, the world-wide banking system and since the fall of communism, the scape-goat of choice-the Muslims. Now that the Muslims are coming on side with the Catholics-could this be the start of the world-wide unification to make ready for the Mark of the Beast? We know that prophecy declares in Rev. 16 that "I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet". We know that there will be a world-wide unification of false religion-it seems that this political unity may be closer than we think. God's people will be brought into strait places when the world needs a scape-goat - as His judgments are falling upon those who have rejected the ten commandments. As the Muslims achieve acceptance through political unity with the Pope, that will be the final barrier fallen against world-wide religious-political unity. It can't be long until the Sabbath comes to the fore and God's people are looked upon as those who are bringing trouble upon the earth. May the Lord strengthen us in our daily trials and problems to behold His hand working to bring us closer to Him-that we may endure the world's frown, by looking to Jesus' smile.

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A GROUP OF VOLUNTIERS AT THE PRINT SHOP

THE RIGHT DECISION



It was the beginning of vacation when Mr. Davis, a friend of my father, came to see us, and asked to let me go home with him. I was much pleased with the thought of going out of town. The journey was delightful, and when we reached Mr. Davis' house everything looked as if I were going to have a fine time. Fred Davis, a boy about my own age, befriended me immediately, and all the family soon seemed like old friends. "This is going to be a vacation worth having," I said to myself several times during the evening, as we all played games, told riddles, and laughed and chatted merrily as could be.

At last Mrs. Davis said it was almost bedtime. Then I expected family prayers, but we were very soon directed to our bedrooms. How strange it seemed to me, for I had never before been in a household without family worship. "Come," said Fred, "mother says you and I are going to sleep in the same room," and I followed him up two sets of stairs to his bedroom. He opened a drawer and showed me a box, a boat, and knives, and powder-horn, and all his treasure, and told me a world of new things about what the boys did there. He undressed first and jumped into bed. I was much longer about it, for a new set of thoughts began to rise in my mind.

When my mother put my suitcase into my hand, just before the train started, she said tenderly, in a low tone, "Remember, Robert, that you are a Christian boy." I knew very well what that meant, and I had now just come to a point of time when her words were to be minded. At home I was taught the duties of a Christian child; abroad I must not neglect them, and one of these was evening prayer. From a very little boy I had been in the habit of kneeling and asking the forgiveness of God, for Jesus' sake, acknowledging His mercies, and seeking His protection and blessing.

"Why don't you go to bed, Robert?" asked Fred. "What are you sitting there for?" I was afraid to pray, and afraid not to pray. It seemed that I could not kneel down and pray in front of Fred. What would he say? He would probably laugh. The fear of Fred made me a coward. Yet I could not lie down in bed without my prayers. If I needed the protection of my heavenly Father at home, how much more abroad. I wished many wishes; that I had slept alone, that Fred would go to sleep, or something else, I hardly knew what. But Fred would not go to sleep.

Perhaps struggles like these take place in the bosom of everyone when he leaves home and begins to act for himself, and on his decision may depend his character for time, and for eternity. With me the struggle was severe. At last, to Fred's cry, "Go to bed now," I mustered courage to say, "I will kneel down and pray first; that is always my custom." "Pray?" asked Fred. He then turned over on his pillow to face the wall, saying no more. His propriety of conduct made me ashamed. Here I had long been afraid of him, and yet when he knew my wishes he was quiet and left me to myself. How thankful I was that duty and conscience triumphed.

That settled my future course. It gave me strength for time to come. I believe that the decision of the "Christian boy," by God's blessing, made me the Christian man; for in after years I was thrown amid trials and temptations which must have drawn me away from God and from virtue, had it not been for my settled habit of secret prayer.

Let every boy and girl who has pious parents, read and think about this. You have been trained in Christian duties and principles. When you go from home do not leave them behind you. Carry them with you and stand by them, and then in weakness and temptation, by God's help, they will stand by you. Take a manly stand on the side of your God and Saviour, and of your parent's God. It is by abandoning their Christian birthright that so many children go astray, and grow up to be young adults dishonouring parents, without hope and without God in the world.

SEA VEGETABLES

In one form or another we have all been using sea vegetables, even eating them, all of our lives. Sea vegetables have been an important ingredients in baked goods, ice cream, cheese, and processed meats, as well as in medicines and cosmetics.

One of the richest sources of minerals is the sea vegetable. And just as land plants relay the energy of the earth, taking their nourishment directly from the soil and passing it along to animals and humans, sea vegetables contain and transmit the energies of the sea.

Sea vegetables are well endowed with calcium and phosphorus, and rank extremely high in magnesium, iron, iodine, and sodium. They also contain vitamins A, B1, B12, C, and E, as well as proteins and carbohydrates. In some instances their vitamin content is comparable to the richest land vegetable sources. Sea vegetables purify the blood as they contain alkalizing minerals and negate the acidic effects of a modern diet. They have proven effective in the treatment of cancer, rheumatism, arthritis, high blood pressure, constipation, diarrhea, worms, ulcers, bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, gall, kidney, and bladder stones, genital-urinary ailments, nervous disorders, and thyroid and other endocrine system malfunctioning. Sea vegetables also help dissolve the fat deposits that can accumulate from over eating of fatty and oily foods. The alginic acid found in the brown sea vegetables, (kombu, wakame, kelp, and hijiki) turns toxic metallic elements in the intestines into harmless salts that can be discharged from the body. This quality is also an advantage for anyone just beginning to adapt to whole foods, as it allows for better absorption of nutrients by the intestines. If all this weren't enough, tests conducted at McGill University and later duplicated elsewhere have shown that sea vegetables actually remove radioactive strontium-90 from the body.

Of all the vitamins found in sea vegetables, the one that stands out the most is vitamin B12. B12 is a rare, but essential, vitamin necessary for proper functioning of the neuromuscular system; a deficiency results in pernicious anemia. Sea vegetables (along with fermented soy products and spirulina - a fresh-water algaen cousin) are an important vegetable source of B12.

Sea vegetables present a variety of flavours for the palate, each one unique and with its own variety of uses. Sea vegetables do not taste salty, being in fact only 2 to 4 percent salt. Neither do they taste fishy. They have been described as "nutty" or "beanlike," or even as tasting like celery or grapes. Although many imported sea vegetables may seem exotic at first, dulse has always been a staple in Eastern seaport markets. And the speed with which sushi bars have become popular in North America indicates that at least one sea vegetable - the exquisitely beautiful nori - has easily found a niche in some North American diets.

Sea vegetables can be added to soups, salads, cooked alone or with land vegetables, and even brewed into teas. Their versatility in the kitchen is as wide as the ocean. When added to beans, they have the unique ability to shorten the cooking time. They add flavour to and promote the digestibility of most foods and accentuate the natural tastes of the vegetables, beans, and grains with which they are cooked.

Brown algae account for the majority of edible sea vegetables world-wide. Most of the others are red, although a few other colours are represented as well. Many sea vegetables are available in Health Food Stores.

BROWN ALGAE

Arame: Arame is a Japanese sea vegetable. When dried, it has a taste and texture similar to that of hijiki, but with a milder flavour. It also lacks that sea vegetable's deep lustrous colour. Arame can be added to soups or served as a vegetable side dish to complement rice or other grains. It is a source of protein, fat, vitamins A, B1, and B2, and many minerals and trace elements.

Hijiki: Hijiki is found primarily in the Far East. It contains the most calcium of any of the widely eaten sea vegetables, (about 1,400 mg per 100 gr dry weight). This is considerably more than milk, which has only 100 mg/100gr, and slightly more than wakame (1,300 mg/100gr). Hijiki is a popular food in the Orient. Folk legend holds it to be excellent for maintaining healthy hair. In addition to ample amounts of calcium, hijiki contains large quantities of protein, vitamins A, B1, and B2, iron and smaller quantities of other minerals.

Kelp: The kelps make up a large family of brown algae. As well as a food, kelp has many industrial uses. Algins - water-absorbing compounds - are derived from the cell walls of kelps and are used as stabilizers, thickeners, emulsifiers, and suspending agents. Like many sea vegetables, kelp can be eaten fresh but is usually dried. It is sold whole, granulated, or powdered. Granulated and powdered kelps are used as condiments or flavourings. Whole kelp can be eaten in salads, used as a wrapping for a variety of fillings, pickled, steamed, or boiled. The various kelps are rich sources of vitamins, minerals and many trace elements.

Kombu: Kombu is the Japanese name for several species of brown algae. Dashi-kombu, tororo-kombu, Rishiri-kombu, ma-kombu, and so forth. Dashi is a broad flat strip used primarily for soup stock; tororo is kombu that has been shaved with a knife to obtain thin slivers that are sometimes marinated. Rishiri-kombu is a dashi-kombu from the island of Rishiri, and ma-kombu is another variety of Dashi-kombu. A strip of dashi-kombu at the bottom of a pot of rice or vegetables will help to keep them from sticking to the bottom, while at the same time enhancing the flavours of all the ingredients. Added to a pot of beans, kombu helps them to cook faster and renders them more digestible because of its mineral properties. Kombu is especially delicious with root vegetables; it should be soaked first for fifteen minutes, then cooked beneath the vegetables until tender. The proportion of nutrients varies with the type of kombu used and the time it was harvested but they are all rich in vitamins and minerals.

Wakame and Alaria: Japanese wakame, is collected in the cold northern waters off the island of Hokkaido. Alaria is harvested in North America on the east and west coasts and has qualities similar to wakame but is not as tender. Dried wakame and alaria can be added to soups or cooked as vegetables with other vegetables or tofu. Baked, they can be crumbled and used as a garnish. Wakame can be soaked for five minutes then added, uncooked, to salads. This highly nutritious sea vegetable is a good source of protein, iron, calcium, sodium, magnesium, and other minerals. It also contains vitamins A, B1, B2, and C. Alaria is high in vitamin K and all the B vitamins, including B12. It is also high in the minerals iodine and bromine.

RED ALGAE

Agar-Agar: Agar is a versatile, tasty gel that will set at room temperature. When the agar is harvested, it is boiled, and poured through filters and into frames. Once in the frames the mixture is freeze-dried, thawed, recleaned, and redried, producing feather-light translucent bars. The agar flakes available in Health Food stores are trimmed from bars, and thus are virtually identical in quality and gelling strength (Agar powder is made from a similar seaweed but has undergone more processing.) Agar gel has been used in the home for centuries. It is effective as a mild laxative. This light, healthful, and delicious gelatin is made by dissolving agar in juice, simmering, and adding spices, chunks, or balls of fruit. Vegetables, water, and seasonings may be substituted for the fruit and juice to make a refreshing aspic. Agar is rich in iodine and trace elements.

Carrageen or Irish Moss: Carrageen is a red sea vegetable that grows in the temperate waters of the North Atlantic. It is also called Irish Moss. It is known primarily for its gelling properties, yielding a softer gel than that of agar-agar. It can be boiled down for its clear gel to make puddings, jellies, and gelatins, or cooked fresh as a stew vegetable. Served as a thick drink with lemon and a natural sweetener, carrageen is recommended as a tonic for the respiratory system. It is also noted as a healer of diarrhea, urinary disorders, and chronic chest infections. Carrageen is a good source of vitamin A, iodine, and many other minerals.

Dulse: Dulse is probably the sea vegetable that appeals the most to North Americans. It can be eaten fresh - and when it is used that way, it really spices up a salad. Because of its unique and delicious flavour, dried dulse has long been a favourite ingredient in relishes, breads, soups, fritters, oatmeal, and fermented beverages. Many dulse-lovers snack on the dried sea vegetable, just as it comes from the bag. Dulse is an excellent source of iodine and phosphorus and is high in protein, fat, and vitamin A. It also contains B6, B12, C, and E, and numerous minerals.

Nori or Laver: Nori, is a red sea vegetable usually sold dried and pressed into sheets. Wild nori, harvested off the coast of Maine and on the Pacific coast, is sold dried for use as a vegetable side dish or condiment. In the Far East nori is also boiled to produce a gel in cooking, but most often it is wrapped around rice balls, used for sushi, or lightly toasted and cut into strips for garnishes. High-quality nori possesses a deep colour and brilliant lustre, while lesser-quality nori is dull and flat. Nori is exceptionally high in vitamin A and protein. It also contains other vitamins, minerals, and trace elements.

RECIPES:

Here are a few basic but tasty recipes that will get you started using sea vegetables in the kitchen. The sea vegetables in order of easiest to hardest to cook are: Dulse, Irish Moss, Wakame or Alaria, and Kombu. Gentle boiling will be enough for the first two; stronger, more prolonged boiling for wakame or alaria; and either strong, long-time cooking, or pressure-cooking for kombu. Sauteing kombu first also helps.

Red Kidney Beans with Kombu

1 cup red kidney beans
2 medium-sized fronds of dried kombu
2 medium-sized carrots
1 large onion

Soak Kombu and beans separately for one hour before cooking. Pour off the water from the beans. Add 6 cups of fresh water, and put into a pressure cooker without the top on or into an enamelled cooking pot over high heat. Cut the kombu into rather large pieces and add to the cooking beans. Chop up carrots and onion and add. If you are using a pressure cooker, after the beans have boiled for ten minutes, put the top on and pressure cook for 45 minutes. If using an enamelled pot, cook over low heat for 1 1/2 hours. Add sea salt in the end and cook for 10 more minutes. Serves 6.

Dulse/Shoyu Broth

1 1/2 quarts water
2/3 cup of dried dulse
4 medium-sized scallions
soy sauce - to taste
1 lemon

Begin heating the water in a soup pot. Then chop dulse or tear it up with your fingers and add to the water. Chop scallions, keeping the white part separate from the green, and add the white part to the water. Add soy sauce to taste or until a clear, light-brown colour is obtained. Add one-half of the green part of the scallions and allow broth to gently boil for five minutes longer. Squeeze the lemon and add the juice to the soup. Chop the remaining green scallion tops finely and when the soup is served, add as a garnish. Serves 6.

Lettuce/Wakame Salad

3 medium-sized fronds of dried wakame
1 medium-sized head of lettuce
1 large bunch of radishes
Other Salad vegetables you may choose to add.

Soak the wakame until reconstituted, cut into salad-sized pieces and boil in water for ten minutes. Drain and allow to cool. Either cut or shred lettuce into salad-sized pieces and put into a salad bowl. Chop rest of vegetables. Combine all in a bowl. Add a few pinches of salt to the salad. Dulse or sweet kombu may be substituted for the wakame.



FOUNTAIN OF CALVARY

COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN,
SINNERS RUINED BY THE FALL;
HERE A PURE AND HEALING FOUNTAIN
FLOWS TO YOU, TO ME, TO ALL,
IN A FULL, PERPETUAL TIDE,
OPENED WHEN OUR SAVIOUR DIED.

COME IN POVERTY AND MEANNESS,
COME DEFILED, WITHOUT, WITHIN;
FROM INFECTION AND UNCLEANNESS,
FROM THE LEPROSY OF SIN,
WASH YOUR ROBES, AND MAKE THEM WHITE;
YE SHALL WALK WITH GOD IN LIGHT.

COME, IN SORROW, AND CONTRITION,
WOUNDED, IMPOTENT, AND BLIND;
HERE THE GUILTY, FREE REMISSION,
HERE THE TROUBLED, PEACE MAY FIND;
HEALTH THIS FOUNTAIN WILL RESTORE,
HE THAT DRINKS SHALL THIRST NO MORE.

HE THAT DRINKS SHALL LIVE FOREVER;
'TIS A SOUL-RENEWING FLOOD;
GOD IS FAITHFUL,—GOD WILL NEVER
BREAK HIS COVENANT IN BLOOD;
SIGNED WHEN OUR REDEEMER DIED,
SEALED WHEN HE WAS GLORIFIED.

