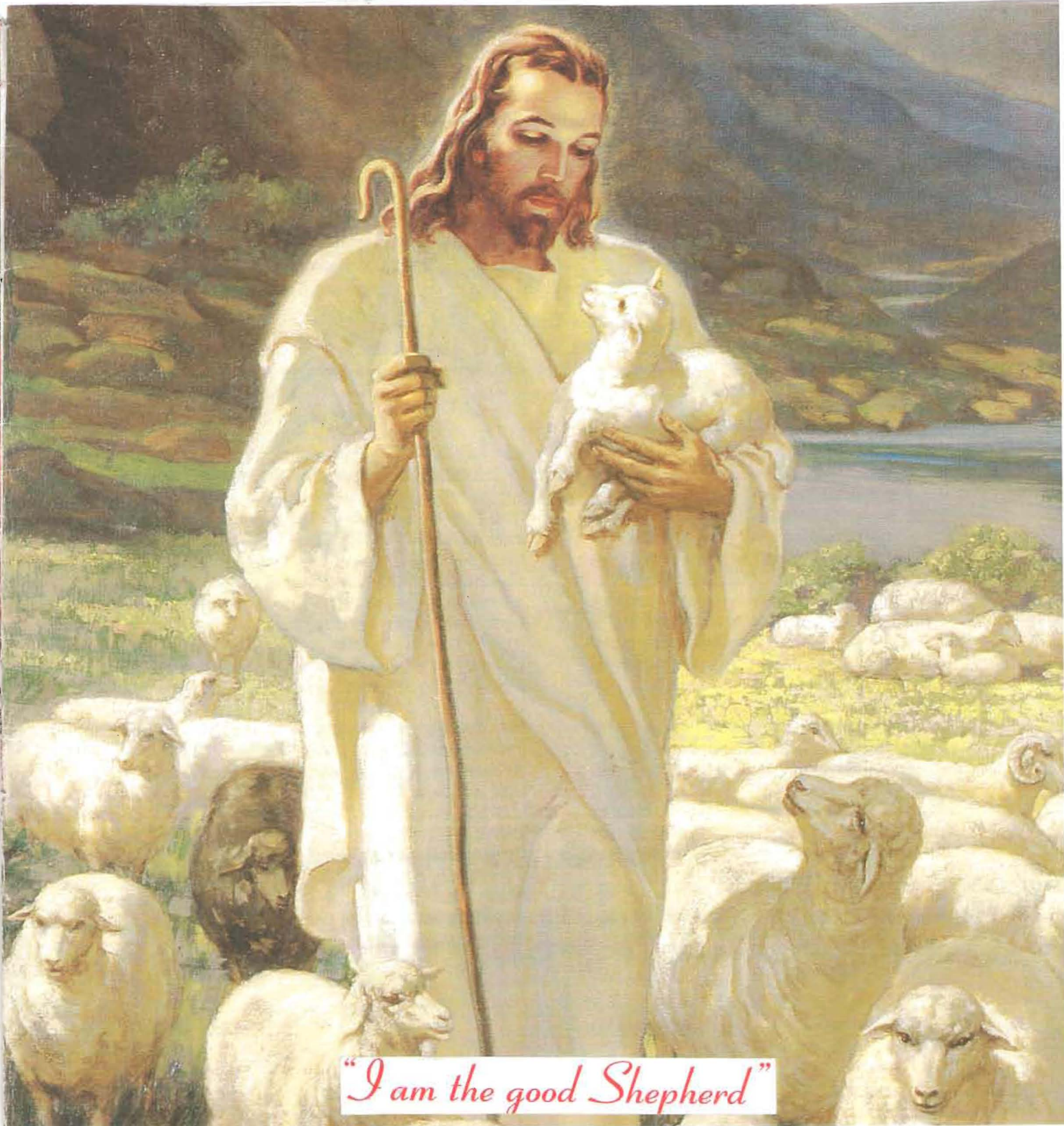


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"I am the good Shepherd"



The Loud Cry of the Third Angel

Not willing that anyone should perish, God in His mercy is making one more call to the sinners to come to repentance and at the same time one more call to His people to come out of Babylon that they be not partakers of her sins, and that they receive not of her plagues. Rev. 18:4.

Salvation of the people depend on this last message which is called the Loud Cry. All who reject it or pay no attention to it will be lost. It is therefore of the utmost importance for us to know the message of the Loud Cry and also to know who is the messenger, the one who proclaims it. Satan is making a counterfeit loud cry deceiving many to think that it is from God while in reality it is a work of Satan.

Sister White writes: "Churches that have drunk Babylon's wine are to hear a startling message. John (the Revelator) was directed by the 'Alpha and Omega' to a people who in the last days were making void the law of God. But these churches which have drunk deeply of the wine of Babylon are to hear a startling message of truth which will reveal to them their true position. The loud cry, 'Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication' (Rev. 14:8), has been given, and will again be given." The Adventist Apocalypse 114.

This message of the loud cry will bring people to a decision. Some will accept it and be saved, others will reject it and seal their eternal destiny. It is a startling message to the churches which thought themselves to be the churches of God and this message reveals to them that they are Babylon and "the habitation of devils".

"The last great conflict is before us; but help is to come to all who love God and obey His law, and the earth, the whole earth, is to be lighted with the glory of God. 'Another angel' is to come down from heaven. This angel represents the giving of the loud cry,

which is to come from those who are preparing to cry mightily, with a strong voice, 'Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.'" Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, 04-19-06.

Clearly Sis. White mentioned that the Seventh-Day Adventist church will not proclaim the loud cry but another angel is to come down from heaven. Help is to come in the future, she said in 1906 and today we see the fulfillment of these prophecies.

Message of the Loud Cry

The message is not only the fall of Babylon but also the Sabbath is to be proclaimed in the loud cry. "The seal of "God is Sabbath-keeping. This is the message given by God to be sounded forth in the loud cry of the third angel. The sign or seal of God is the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath, the Lord's memorial of His work of creation. 'The Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you.' (Exodus 31:12,13). Here the Sabbath is clearly defined as a sign between God and His people." The Adventist Apocalypse, 95.

"At the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully." EW, 33.

One more message will be proclaimed by God's messengers in the loud cry. "The time of test is just upon us, for the loud cry of the third angel has already began in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth." Rev. & Her., Nov. 22, 1892.

In the year 1888 in the Minneapolis conference, the Christ's Righteousness message was proclaimed to the Seventh-Day Adventist leaders. Unfortunately the majority rejected this message and even ridiculed it.

Sister White wrote the following: "Not a soul of us has ever been able to dream of the wonderful blessings that God had for us at Minneapolis, and which we would have been enjoying these last four years, if hearts had been ready to receive the message which God sent. We would have been four years ahead. We would have been in the midst of the wonders of the loud cry itself, tonight." Gen. Conf. Bulletin, 1893.

She was clear that many of the Adventist leaders committed sin against the Holy Spirit, therefore they could not preach the loud cry message to the world. They had lost the message and according to Sis. White they will never hear it any more.

"No more tender calls, no better opportunities could be given them in order that they might do that which they ought to have done at Minneapolis... The time will come when they will be willing to do anything and everything possible in order to have a chance of hearing the call which they rejected at Minneapolis... Better opportunities will never come, deeper feelings they will not have... God will not be trifled with..." Letter to O. A. Olsen, Sept. 1, 1892.

"I know that at that time, the Spirit of God was insulted." TM, 89; MS 24, 1892.

"The scenes which took place at that meeting (Minneapolis) made God of heaven ashamed to call those who took part in them His brethren. All this the heavenly Watcher noticed, and it was written in the book of God's remembrance." Spec. Test. To the Rev. & Her., 1896, p. 17.

Because of this message of 1888 and the rejection of it, the church was divided in the Spirit. The physical split came a little later.

"We should be the last people on the earth to indulge in the slightest degree the spirit of persecution against those who are bearing

the message of God to the world. This is the most terrible feature of unchristlikeness that has manifested itself among us since the Minneapolis meeting. Sometime it will be seen in its true bearing, with all the burden of woe that has resulted from it." GCB, 1893, p. 184.

"That, however (Minneapolis) is but a sample. There will be things to come that will be more surprising than anything we have yet seen." GCB, 1893, p. 185.

Today, 110 years later from the 1888 Conference, Seventh-Day Adventists have not accepted the message of Christ's Righteousness which they rejected that time.

In the book, Perfection, Edward Heppenstall, who is a doctor of theology and has been the head of several Adventist Colleges writes the following: "When we consider man's inherent inability and disability, the Bible rejects every possibility of our reaching perfection in this life." P. 73. "All sinless perfection is in Christ's person." P. 83. This is the complete opposite of what brothers Jones and Waggoner presented, that through Christ we can do all things.

The Messenger of the Loud Cry

Then the messenger of the loud cry cannot be the Seventh-Day Adventist church because they do not have the message any more. Sis. White wrote that, "the time of the test is just upon us; for the loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer." Rev. & Her., 11-22-92.

The test came in 1914 when the World War 1 began. All who had accepted Christ's Righteousness message remained faithful and those who had rejected or ignored the message failed the test and this caused the church to be divided into two parts.

The Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reform Movement has been proclaiming the loud cry message for the past 84 years, the message of the fall of Babylon, the Sabbath and the Christ's Righteousness message. Therefore this church must be the messenger of the loud cry.

The Message Swells

The preaching of the loud cry message started in 1888 with "the revelation of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer". It was proclaimed by faithful ones in the Adventist church the following 26 years and because of this message they had to suffer persecution from their own brethren. After 1914, the Reform Movement joined with these rejected faithful ones, giving them help to preach the message, with a new freedom which they did not have in the Adventist church.

"The angel of Revelation 18 will join in proclaiming the loud cry. Another angel from heaven will join in the third angel in proclaiming the loud cry. 'Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and receive not of her plagues.' The crisis is upon us. It is coming as a thief in the night stealing upon us unawares." The Adventist Apocalypse, 30.

The last 84 years, these messages have been proclaimed to the Seventh-Day Adventist and other fallen churches. The message has not lost any of its force. It is doing its appointed work in preparing a people for the latter rain. Finally in the "latter rain" the message swells to a mighty, glorious proclamation and the world will be lightened with its glory.

"At that time the "latter rain" or refreshing from the presence of the Lord will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out." EW, 86.

"As the third angel's message swells into a loud cry, great power and glory will attend its proclamation. The faces of God's people will shine with the light of heaven." 7T, 17.

Some make a mistake expecting the latter rain to purify them from sin, but this is not possible. The latter rain will be poured out upon those only who are perfected by Christ's Righteousness message before. Our sealing takes place before the latter rain. The loud cry message will prepare us for the seal.

The midnight cry began from one person in 1844 and started to grow. Eventually it included 50,000 followers in America alone. A similar development we find in the loud cry.

Let us all study the Loud Cry message and put it into practice and teach it to others. Then only can we be called the Angel of Revelation 18.

AMEN

Timo Martin



Conference in Guatemala

A GOD OF ORDER

Evolutionists try to tell us that things in this world just happened to come about. There was this big bang, and something exploded, then after millions of years this planet we are living on just happened to have the right amount of oxygen to maintain life. A cell happened to appear. It multiplied on its own and became a small creature that was living in water. It eventually sprouted legs and crawled on land. And so the story of evolution goes on and on. For those who believe such a story, I say they have great, blind faith because it takes more faith to believe a story like that than it does for us to believe in Creation.

In the Creation of the world we see the perfect order of God. We see how everything was created at the right time. First light, air and water were needed to maintain life. Then land was created and planted with all kinds of vegetation that man and animals would need in order to continue living. Then God rested. But it was all done in perfect order.

So God not only made things in perfect order, but He maintains things in perfect order. I will never believe that it was just an accident that the planets move around the sun in perfect order, without colliding. In fact, no large object has collided with this earth since it was created.

Since we serve an orderly God, He expects us to have order in our lives also. We need order in our homes, in our routines, and in the church.

Just as evolutionists use their pet theory to dismiss the idea of God existing and they being accountable to Him, so much disorder, unbelief and crime are coming into the world. After all,

without God's restraints as shown in the Bible, why would anyone choose to do good?

CHILDREN TAUGHT ORDER

Often I have heard parents say that, "When our children get older, I will teach them to be neat and tidy." Meanwhile many a weary mother continues to pick up after her children, hoping that someday they will learn to do it themselves. That time will never come unless the mother teaches her children, and the sooner the better. Once a child is older it is more difficult to change the habits that have been developed.

From the earliest years children are to be taught the importance of order.

"Remember that in heaven there is no disorder, and that your home should be a heaven here below." *Child Guidance*, p. 110
Ask yourself, "Does my home look like Heaven? Would I be proud to show Jesus into my living room should He drop by any time during the week? Or is my house presentable only on the Sabbath?"

"We who profess to believe the truth must make manifest to the world that the principles of truth, and righteousness do not make people coarse, rough, untidy, and disorderly... Love for God will be expressed in the family by love for our children. Genuine love will not let them drift into slackness and untidiness, because this is the easiest way; but from the pure example set before them by the parents, by the loving but inflexible firmness in cultivating industrious habits, they will educate their children after the same order." Ibid, p. 110, 111

"If your children have a room which they know is their own, and if they are taught how to keep it tidy and make it pleasant, they will have a sense of ownership – they will feel that they have within the home a home of their own... ." Ibid, p. 111

"If parents desire their children to be pure, they must surround them with pure associations, such as God can approve. **The home must be kept pure and clean.** Unclean, neglected corners in the house will tend to make impure, neglected corners in the soul. Mothers, you are the educators of your children, and you can do a great deal if you begin early to inculcate pure thoughts, by fitting up their rooms in a cleanly, tasteful, attractive manner. . .

"Mothers, make yourselves as attractive as possible, not by elaborate trimming, but by wearing clean, well-fitting garments. Thus you will give to your children constant lessons in neatness and purity. The love and respect of her children should be of the highest value to every mother. Everything upon her person should teach cleanliness and order, and should be associated in their minds with purity. There is a sense of fitness, an idea of the appropriateness of things, in the minds of even very young children; and how can they be impressed with the desirability of purity and holiness when their eyes daily rest on untidy dresses and disorderly rooms? How can the heavenly guests, [angels] who dwell where all is pure and holy, be invited into such a dwelling?" *Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene*. p. 142, 143.

I guess the obvious answer to that final question is that they

can't be invited. Or they choose not to be invited – they don't like messy rooms.

“Notice for yourself if all things in your own room are spotless and in order, that nothing there may be an offense to God, but that when holy angels shall pass through your room, they may be led to linger because attracted by the prevailing order and cleanliness. In doing your duties promptly, neatly, faithfully, you are missionaries. You are bearing witness for Christ. You are showing that the religion of Christ does not, in principle or in practice, make you untidy, . . .” *Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 6, p. 171*

“Parents are under obligation to God to make their surroundings such as will correspond to the truth they profess. They can then give correct lessons to their children, and the children will learn to associate the home below with the home above. The family here must, as far as possible, be a model of the one in heaven. *Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene p.144.*

“Our God is a God of order, and He desires that His children shall *will* [or fight against carnal inclination to be sloppy] to bring themselves into order under His discipline.” *Child Guidance, p. 112* (parentheses added).

“Wherever you are, keep your room clean and tidy. Let no dirt or rubbish accumulate, “lest the Lord pass by and see your uncleanness.” Christ is pure and holy and undefiled. Do not grieve the heavenly angels by cherishing untidy, shiftless habits. It rests with yourselves to decide whether you will be accepted by the Lord as vessels unto honour, fit for His use.” *Spalding and Magan Collection, p. 297*

If someone is truly converted it will be seen in his or

her life. “By their fruits ye shall know them.” This includes not only the fruit of spreading the gospel seed, and having a kind and loving character, but there will also be a decided change in the person's habits. “The untidy housekeeper will become caretaking, neat, and orderly; for is she not to entertain angels of God, that minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation? And these heavenly messengers will not be attracted to untidy homes.” *Review and Herald, 05-06-84*

If we want the angels in our home, we must make it presentable for them and attractive.

The Spirit of Prophecy has much to say about order in our eating habits as well as our sleeping habits. We must have regular hours for eating and sleeping in order to maintain optimum health.

ORDER IN THE CHURCH

“When we are in church there are more than just the people you may see present. Jesus is in our midst and many angels. When we enter the church, we are to “understand that when [we] enter the Lord's house, it should be with hearts that are softened and subdued by such thoughts as these; “God is here; this is His house. I must have pure thoughts and the holiest motives. I must have no pride, envy, jealousy, evil surmising, hatred or deception in my heart for I am coming into the house of God; we must have the utmost reverence. It is wrong to communicate during church services unless absolutely necessary. “If those who commit this fault could see the angels of God looking upon them and marking their doings, they would be filled with shame and abhorrence of themselves. God wants attentive hearers.”

When we are in church, we are to have perfect order also. There should be no unnecessary talking or walking. Even when the meeting has not begun yet – or in the intermission – there is to be no disturbance. After services it is proper to leave the sanctuary before beginning to communicate with our brethren. If we keep this thought ever before us, that the angels are watching every word and action going on in the sanctuary – and writing them down, how much more careful we would be about our conduct in the sanctuary. Very young children don't often understand what is going on in church but it is the parent's responsibility to keep them still and quiet so as to not be a disturbance for others. If they are unable to do so, they should leave the sanctuary – they will be held accountable for the misdeeds of their children in such circumstances.

The human mind, if left to itself will think naturalistically – in other words, dismiss God as an outdated notion or His principles of order as quaint and unreasonable. We may often hear young people say, “Why should I have to do this? This is not important – God doesn't care what I eat or drink, how I dress or act in the sanctuary. God loves me just as I am.” While we can admit that God loves us just as we are, He won't leave us to be pushed about by the deceptions of self, sin and Satan, but wants to set us free from these things (1 Cor 2:11-14). Because Jesus loves us as we are, He expects greater things of us than to be deceived by going in the path of least resistance.

IN MISSIONARY WORK

In the time of the Waldenses, the missionaries went out two by two into a world, where, should you be found with a

Bible, you would forfeit your life. Yet they went faithfully. They didn't go openly, preaching on the streets but secretly and slowly, allowing the Holy Spirit to woo the hearts of the listeners. They could have argued that if they went and boldly proclaimed their message in the streets, then more people would hear quicker. Yes, they would forfeit their lives sooner and perhaps even bring more severe persecution upon the rest of the Waldenses, but no, they followed the plan of the Lord. This plan was to go quietly and secretly to sow the seeds of truth where they could. They planted and left the watering to the Lord. They waited upon the Lord instead of running ahead.

In the time of Martin Luther, there was danger that Luther would go forward too quickly. The Lord brought Melancthon to be with Luther. Melancthon was a little slower than Luther and would "drag his feet", but he was just the anchor that Luther needed to keep him from going too quickly. The two of them made a great team. Melancthon holding back the over-zealousness of Luther, and Luther pulling forward the slowness of Melancthon.

In our day we send our missionaries out mostly alone. Yet they are not to work independently. They are to consult with their brethren and those in higher positions as to the best methods to be used for missionary purposes in a certain area. There is wisdom in a multitude of counselors. No one is to work independently of the body of Christ.

I am reminded of a group of independent Seventh-day Adventists, with whom we had some contact, who had left the SDA church and were meeting in a home church. They decided to

invest in some strong literature, exposing the Pope as the Anti-christ and delivering it to every door in their community, by a delivery service. They were counseled not to do so for that would bring unnecessary persecution on them prematurely, preventing them from doing any further missionary work in the area. They refused to listen to the warning and went ahead with their project. Sure enough, the result was just as they had been counseled. They wanted to get the message out fast, instead of doing it the heart to heart way like the Waldenses did – by canvassing and other methods. It caused quite an uproar in the community. The media got hold of it and it became big news. These people were rejected from society. One family even fled to another province and went into the wilderness to live. They could not live in society for quite some time. So dark were these people painted that the result was opposite to what they expected. Many people did not read the literature because of the negative media coverage and the truth was looked upon scornfully.

We can't try to do something sensational to get the message out quick. We have to do the humble duty that the Lord places in front of us – just quietly planting the seeds and leaving the watering to the Lord. In His good time, we will be brought before kings, counselors and the high men of this earth to answer for our faith and then the truth will spread like wildfire. But that is in the Lord's good time, not in ours.

WHEN RECEIVING NEW LIGHT:

There is to be order in God's church even when it comes to receiving new light. Yet, there is a proper way in which those, that receive this new light, are to

introduce this to the church. There will be many spurious ideas brought to God's church from various sources and therefore, whenever new light comes it is important to follow the proper channels in order to make a difference from that which is genuine compared to that which is false light.

"Men professing to have new light, claiming to be reformers, will have a great influence over a certain class who are convinced of the heresies that exist in the present age and who are not satisfied with the spiritual condition of the churches. With true, honest hearts, these desire to see a change for the better, a coming up to a higher standard. If the faithful servants of Christ would present the truth, pure and unadulterated, to this class, they would accept it, and purify themselves by obeying it. But Satan, ever vigilant, sets upon the track of these inquiring souls. Someone making high profession as a reformer comes to them, as Satan came to Christ disguised as an angel of light, and draws them still further from the path of right." *Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 5., p. 144*

How can we tell the genuine from the spurious? The false may look similar to the genuine, but the false will try to draw disciples after themselves instead of to Christ and His church. They will seek to bring disunity into the church. They may claim that God has given them great new light but how they act will show whether they are genuine. When the disciples on their way to Emmaus received new light, they ran back to the leaders of the church (the other disciples) to reveal this new light to them and to counsel with the brethren before they started preaching it abroad.

When a person receives new light, they are not to just start preaching it to those around them. And we should never shun someone who claims to have new light, but to hear them out – if they have gone through the proper channels of order. “When a brother receives new light upon the Scriptures, he should frankly explain his position, and every minister should search the Scriptures with the spirit of candor, to see if the points presented can be substantiated by the Inspired Word.” *Gospel Workers*, p. 303.

“Let none be self-confident, as though God had given them special light above their brethren. Christ is represented as dwelling in His people.” *Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 5*, p. 291

“God has not passed His people by and chosen one solitary man here and another there as the only ones worth to be entrusted with His truth. He does not give one man new light contrary to the established faith of the body. In every reform men have arisen making this claim. Paul warned the church in his day: “of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.” *Ibid*, p. 291

New light will come, but genuine new light will be brought to God’s church in the proper order, ordained of God. The bearer of the new light will bring it to the ministers, who in turn will study it out and if it be genuine, will bear it to the church.

ORDER IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE:

Sanctification is a steady upward walk to Christlikeness. It is not an overnight change. Sanctification is the work of a lifetime. This walk must be a steady upward walk toward heaven. It will never be made by

fits and starts. It comes by yielding. “Desires for goodness and holiness are right as far as they go; but if you stop here, they will avail nothing. Many will be lost while hoping and desiring to be Christians. They do not come to the point of yielding the will to God. They do not now *choose* to be Christians.” *Steps to Christ*, p. 47. It is good to check the progress of our spiritual life occasionally. While we have the example of Jesus to compare with, we also have to compare ourselves with only ourselves. Where were we a year ago? Where are we now? Are we closer to the Lord? Sometimes, after a conference or evangelistic meeting we feel especially impressed by the Lord and for some days are walking on the clouds. We feel so close to the Lord. After the daily routine gets under way it is easy to fall off these clouds. While we can’t expect a happy flight of feeling all the time, we certainly can expect a calm assuring peace, which only comes from a close connection with the Lord. As our physical lives start to show some order, our spiritual life also will show order. We will be steadily progressing upward.

I have heard it said by a minister that the Lord does not show us all the plague spots in our characters at one time otherwise it would overwhelm us. We would be so discouraged we would want to give up in despair. He only shows us a few spots at a time but that is enough to show us how terribly sinful we really are and how much we need His healing grace or we will be utterly lost. As we overcome those few spots, He will show us a few more, until finally all the plague spots are removed. This process must be finished before the Latter Rain can be poured out upon us. Sanctification is the work of

steadily coming closer to the Lord. It is steadily putting one sin away after another. Only through the grace and strength of God is this possible. This power He imparts to every Christian when we accept the cross of Calvary.

We do not believe in sanctification as evolution, but rather as the creative and redemptive power of God continually manifested on the sinner’s behalf to make him holy – like Jesus. As soon as we accept the cross of Calvary as the price for our sins, the Holy Spirit gives us power to obey and overcome sin. What could be more orderly? “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1,2 All we have to do is look and live – accept Jesus and He will supply the fact of our sanctification. He knows that we may fall short a few times, but this is all part of the learning process.

God is a God of order and we are told in Matthew 5:48 to “Be ye perfect even as your father in heaven is perfect.” And if He is a God of order He expects the same from His followers. AMEN

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POWER OF LOVE versus THE LOVE OF POWER



“And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.” Luke 22:24.

Luke records two instances where a strife started among the disciples. This was in reference to the love of power and it is interesting to note that on those two occasions the subject that Jesus had just opened before His disciples had to do with the power of love. The power of love. The love of power. They have exactly the same number of words. They sound alike but are completely opposite in meaning. They are as opposite as night and day or the power of medicine as compared to the power of poison. What makes the big difference? You will notice that the word “love” is not in the same place. When love is in the wrong place there is misery and pain. At a first glance, this may seem like nothing serious. But the results of the latter (the love of power) has brought our world to what it is today.

To begin, it is necessary first to try and define love and then to look at the difference between “the power of love” and “the love of power.”

LOVE

Defining Love.

There are many definitions of “love” in the world today and because of that many have been led astray. It is important for us to understand, what is love. Our world rotates on love. The commandments of God are based on love. “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, ...and thy neighbour as thyself.” Luke 10:27. If we don’t understand what love is, how can we understand and obey God? How can we live in peace with our neighbours? Could this be the major reason why there are problems and weaknesses in the Christian community? Could this also be the major reason why there is no

unity or peace among fellow human beings? We find the English word “love” about 280 times in the King James Version of the Bible. Yet today, people still ask the question, “what is love?”

The early Christians faced a similar problem to the one we face today. The surrounding society was so corrupt that love was confused with the word lust. Fortunately in those days, there were only four Greek words to express the various aspects of love. The first one is **Eros** which means “physical love”, a very common Greek word from which the English language derives the word “erotic”. Due to its negative connotation in the pagan society, the New Testament does not use this word “erotic” even once.

The second one is **Storge** which means “family love”. The apostle Paul talks about the lack of this form of love in Romans 1:31, and also in 2 Timothy 3:3. He exhorts us in Romans 12:10 to “Be kindly affectioned one to another.”

The third one is **Philia** – “affectionate love”. Americans know this Greek root from the name of a great Pennsylvania city, Philadelphia, the city of Brotherly Love. This city’s name speaks of warmhearted spontaneous affection; love that is like a close friendship, and has attractive appeal. Fortunately for us God never commands us to have this kind of love for everyone because our reactions to different types of people are often beyond our control.

The fourth type of love is “love of choice” – **Agape**. Many Christians have heard of this Greek word. It is a very popular word in Christian circles and it is equally misunderstood by many. Commonly Agape is called, “Divine Love”. This is misleading because it is used not only for love from man to God and from God to man but

also for love between people. It is Divine in the sense that it is the love that God commands. It is the love of choice. Even if someone does not appeal to us, we can still show Agape to that person. We can accept him, treat him right and do all we can to help that person.

We find the word Agape being used in 1 Corinthians 13. The King James translators in the 17th century England used the word ‘charity’ in this chapter partly because the Latin Vulgate had the word “**Charitas**” there and partly, no doubt, in an effort to lift the concept about the carnal connotations of love. Unfortunately that word now has a restricted meaning that is most unsuitable for Christian love of the highest order. When we are told to love our neighbours as ourselves, the verb form of Agape is used. The discourse in John 13 – 17 is full of both of Agape and Philia. In John 3:16, the verb “loved” expresses this concept of Agape. It was while we were yet sinners that God decided to love us because it is His nature to love.

Solomon tells us that “love is strong as death; . . . Many waters cannot quench love.” Song of Solomon 8:6,7.

A story is being told about the apostle John, which says that whenever he would go to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, he would always give them the same message, and it was “Love one another”. This was all he would say and then he would sit down. This went on for quite awhile, Sabbath after Sabbath and one day John’s disciples became very frustrated. They went to their master and told him that he should say something else. John answered his disciples by saying, “This only did Jesus teach me to say.”

THE POWER OF LOVE

There was a missionary by the name of Hudson Taylor, who was interviewing some young people who had volunteered for the mission field. He wanted to ascertain their qualifications for the arduous life towards which they were looking, so he asked them one by one, "Why do you wish to go as a foreign missionary?" "I wanted to go because Christ has commanded us to go to all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," was the reply of one. Another said, "I want to go because millions are perishing without Christ, not having even heard of the One name whereby the lost may be saved." Others gave various answers. Then Hudson Taylor said, "All of these motives, howsoever good, will fail you in times of testing, trials, tribulations and possible death. There is but one motive that will sustain you in trials and that is, "for the love of Christ constraineth us."

Agape love is a powerful love. Love, if properly applied, has the power to heal many of those who are now languishing in our hospitals and prisons. Love can be used to heal. It can also be used to subjugate hate. As a matter of fact, it is the only safe, and sure way to conquer an enemy - to love him. Love cannot be wasted. It makes no difference where it is given. It is in loving, not in being loved that the heart is blessed. It is in giving and not in seeking gifts that we find fulfillment. **Where love is thick, faults are thin.** This was the lesson Jesus tried to bring home to His disciples at the supper table just a short time before the strife among them. In giving to them the cup and the bread, Jesus had set before them the sole object of His mission and what the power of His love will do for them. He said, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." ". . . in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Luke 19:10, John 15:13, Romans 5:6-8. "The joy set before Christ, which sustained Him in all His

sufferings, was the salvation of poor sinner." *Test. For the church, Vol., 2, p. 115*

What love! What wonderful love was displayed by the Son of God. The debt we deserved was suffered to come upon Him, that immortality might be given to us who could never merit such a reward. Is not salvation great in its simplicity and wonderful in its comprehensiveness? Christ takes the sinner from the lowest degradation and purifies, refines and ennobles him. By beholding Christ as He is, the sinner is transformed and elevated to the very summit of dignity, even to a seat with Christ upon His throne. Contemplating the fullness of the provision that God has made, whereby every son and daughter of Adam, may be saved. We are led to exclaim with John, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:" 1 John 3:1

The angels are amazed at the manifestation of divine love for a fallen race. The fact that angels look with wonder upon the marvelous display of love on the part of God for man shows how terrible a thing it is to neglect the salvation He has provided. "How few have any conception of the anguish which rent the heart of the Son of God during His thirty years of life upon earth." The path from the manger to Calvary was shadowed by sorrow and grief. He was the man of sorrows, and endured such heartache as no human language can portray. He could have said in truth, "Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow." His suffering was the deepest anguish of the soul; and what man could have sympathy with the soul anguish of the Son of the infinite God? Hating sin with a perfect hatred, He yet gathered to His soul the sins of the whole world, as He trod the path to Calvary, suffering the penalty of the transgressor. Guiltless, He bore the punishment of the guilty; innocent, yet offering Himself to bear the penalty of the transgression of the law of God. The punishment of the sins of every soul was borne by the Son of the infinite God. The guilt of every sin pressed its weight upon the Divine soul of the world's Redeemer. He who knew no sin, became sin for us, that we might

be made the righteousness of God in Him. In assuming nature of man, He placed Himself where He was wounded for our transgression, bruised for our iniquities, that by His stripes we might be healed." *Review and Herald, Dec. 20, 1892*

WHAT PART DO THE ANGELS PLAY?

"Angels are ever engaged in working for the happiness of others. This is their joy. That which selfish hearts would consider humiliating service, ministering to those who are wretched and in every way inferior in character and rank, is the work of the pure, sinless angels in the royal courts of heaven. The spirit of Christ's self-sacrificing love is the spirit which pervades heaven and is the very essence of its bliss." *Test. For the Church, Vol. 3., p. 381.*

"The spirit of liberality is the spirit of heaven; the spirit of selfishness is the spirit of Satan. Christ's self-sacrificing love is revealed upon the cross. He gave all He had, and then gave Himself, that man might be saved. The cross of Christ appeals to the benevolence of every follower of the blessed Saviour. The principle there illustrated is to give, give. This, carried out in actual benevolence and good works, is the true fruit of the Christian life." *Test. For the Church, Vol. 4, p. 79.* This is the outworking of the power of love.

THE LOVE OF POWER

We have seen God manifesting His love for us. We have seen the power of love in the life of Jesus and what He did for us. We have seen it in the work of the angels. We have seen it in the life of the Christians. Now, let us look at the other side, "the love of power." Where did this come from? With whom did it start? What is the result of such a love? It started with Lucifer in heaven. He wanted to be in God's place. He went about complaining to the other angels about the injustice of God. That created war in heaven resulting in one third of the angels being lost.

Did Lucifer stop his evil work? Did his lust and love for power change? No, it increased. He continued his work down

on earth. He approached Eve and made her an offer. He made her a promise that seemed to be so wonderful to her ears. She desired what he offered. Why? Because she also had a love for power. God had given her a beautiful garden, a wonderful husband, and everything her eyes could behold. All of God's love was poured out in those gifts that He had given her. Everything was perfect and good, but she was not satisfied. She had a love for power. She wanted something more, and so Lucifer came to her and said, "you will be like God, knowing good and evil, your eyes will be opened. You will be a greater person, you will be more powerful, you will be on the same level with God." Eve had absolutely no reason to believe in such a promise because God had clearly told her the opposite. This serpent told her that she would be great and her eyes will be opened. She will be like God. But God had told her that the day that she would eat of the forbidden fruit, she would die. She would be nothing. She would be finished. She would be worse than what she was now. What made her believe the serpent and to doubt God? What made her see God as a liar and the serpent as someone of truth? It was her own love for power; her own desires. The love for power with the corresponding results did not end with Eve, but went on.

We saw it also in the life of Jacob and Esau. This entire family was completely destroyed and separated because of the love of power. Even today we are still feeling the results of that separation. There are many other examples that we can read of in the Bible. Also, today this is still tearing families apart. In the workplaces it is tearing employees apart. In our churches it is tearing believers apart; this love of power.

THE LOVE OF POWER AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Today that same deceiver is offering our young people so much power. He's

telling them what they can become, how far they can reach; if they will listen to him they will be great and be

able to reach the peak of satisfaction. Their lives will be different. They are going to live it up, and experience great things. He gives them these wonderful promises and our young people are falling for it by the thousands. Today, he offers young people drugs, sex outside of marriage, the freedom to listen to any type of music, to read anything their eyes see, freedom from any rules or restrictions given by authority figures. For many young people this is a sign of their adulthood. This kind of deception is everywhere. Those young people who are not yet practicing these things, are just waiting, counting the years when, they would be given such a right. They are very much desiring this type of power and are in love with it. They can hardly wait for the day when they can have this type of power and make their own decisions. Let us try to help those young people, for whom we still see hope so that they will not fall into this terrible deception. Let us guide them into the right path, by asking God to give us grace and the right words, with tact, to save them from this deception of the love of power.

THE LOVE OF POWER IN OUR CHURCHES.

It is prevalent all over the place. We could talk much about that because human nature is so strong. I would just like to take a look back into the life of the disciples. That was the church of God at that time, yet that was all they were concerned about, the love of power. Let us learn from their experience.

WHY DO PEOPLE LOVE POWER?

Why does this sickness exist? Why is this disease so wide spread? "The principle of worldlings is to get all they can of the perishable things of this life. Selfish love of gain is the ruling principle in their lives. But the purest joy is not found in riches nor where covetousness is always craving, but where contentment reigns and where

self-sacrificing love is the ruling principle. There are thousands who are passing their lives in indulgence and

whose hearts are filled with repining. They are victims of selfishness and discontent in the vain effort to satisfy their minds with indulgence. But unhappiness is stamped upon their very countenances, and behind them is a desert, because their course is not fruitful in good works." *Test. for the Church, Vol. 3 p. 382.*

So here we see an answer to the question, Why do people love power? It is simple because they are selfish. It is the principle of worldiness. Worldly people are selfish. It is unfortunate that sometimes we find this problem even within the church. This principle is often predominant, and it is about time that people realize that those who seek happiness by gratifying themselves and looking mainly for their own interests are the most miserable people.

The love of power is a disease from which many people are suffering. Is there a cure for this? Yes, there is. There is still hope. We only have to look back at the disciples. In the time of Jesus, James and John wanted to have great positions; they wanted to have power. After they had been many years with Jesus we see that this love for power had died out and the power of love had taken hold of their lives. James was one of the first martyrs. John was the last one to go and he spent his final years on the lonely island of Patmos. They both went through difficulties. Today, if we want to learn any lessons on love, we simply need to read the words of the apostle John. He learned that lesson quite well. It was the power of love in the life of Jesus that changed John's life and it can do the same for us today. It does not matter who we are or where we have been. It does not matter how strongly the love of power has taken hold of us, there is still hope. That is how strong the power of love is. We can never fully comprehend all that this power of love can do.

A story is told of a woman who was married to a man whom she did not love. He made her to get up every morning at 5:00, cook his breakfast and serve it at 6:00 sharp. He made her wait on him and he was exacting on his demands on her time. Her life was made miserable in trying to satisfy the

requests of her husband. Finally he died. After a few years, she married again. This time she married a man whom she really loved. One day while clearing out some old papers she came across the strict set of rules her former husband had written out for her to obey. Carefully she read them over. Get up at 5:00; serve breakfast at 6:00 sharp. On and on she read. Then she stopped and thought and realized that she was fulfilling every single one of those demands but she had not realized it because this time she was doing it for love's sake. Jesus said, "If ye love me keep my commandments." There is so much power in love. It can move mountains. It can cross the oceans.

Somebody might ask, is it a sin to have riches, wealth and power? Absolutely not. It is the love for these things that makes them a sin. We should patiently wait upon the Lord and whatever He sees is best, He will give it to us, but we must not strive, and make this our daily desire. People have often used these things as an excuse, saying "if I am rich," or "if I am wealthy then I can be better able to help the work of the Lord." God does not depend on our wealth and our riches to do His work. He uses the foolish things to confound the wise as it is written in 1 Cor. 1:18-20. "And do you seek great things for yourselves? Do not seek them." Jer. 45: 5. People still continue to think that if they would become great, wealthy, intellectual and powerful they could do so much for God, but it has been proven in the past that in most cases people who have become blessed with these talents they crave, have proven unfaithful.

God does not need our wealth and talents to do His work – to finish the work on this earth and to reach souls. God only needs our faithfulness. He only needs us to submit ourselves to Him. Look at Moses on the shore of the Red Sea. What did he have? Only a staff in his hand and with that God gave the Israelites the victory.

We do not need the love of power to do anything for God. We do need the power of love though in order to work for him. That is our greatest weapon.

God does not call us to be successful in this life. He calls us to be faithful. God often strips us of our worldly power and glory in order that His glory might shine through us. In one of His prayers Jesus said, "Father glorify me with the glory that I had with thee before the world was." God replied by saying, "I have glorified you and I will glorify you again."

The glory of God is not in His ability to defeat His enemies but in His willingness to save His enemies from sin and death and to allow them to find peace with Him. That is what makes angels rejoice and the whole heavenly host to sing. When the angels learned that Jesus was going to come to earth to save man, there was joy in heaven. They celebrated in the wonderful news.

God's greatest glory is to save his enemies. What is our greatest glory? Is it to have self-sacrificing love? Is it to allow the power of love to work through us and to manifest this same love to others? Where did God win His greatest victory? Was it by revealing Himself in consuming glory at the head of ten thousand angels? Was that how He defeated sin and opened the way to heaven? Or was it when He won the battle in heaven and cast out Lucifer and one third of the angels? Was it when He declared the 10 commandments on Mt. Sinai or at the Red Sea when He defeated the Egyptians? How about on Mt. Carmel with Elijah, the prophet? No, God won His greatest victory only by becoming a man and dying on a cross as a criminal in shame. Naked, powerless, beaten and battered as a criminal, in the midst of two thieves on Golgotha. He was stripped of every human power. He was there hanging in shame. His hands, what could they do? Nothing, they were nailed. His feet, where could they go? They were spiked. Can you remember how he suffered? He was surrounded by His enemies. And deserted by His friends. That's how God won his greatest victory, by stooping down and becoming a man. Christ became a child, a man, a carpenter. He was homeless and hungry. He was numbered with the transgressors. That was how He won His greatest victory, by manifesting the

power of His love.

The world cannot depend on the power of our institutions, fancy churches, schools or other material things. Our success never lies in outward things. God did not call us to be successful in the estimation of man on this earth, He simply calls us to be faithful to Him. He can use anyone and anything to bring victory, whether it be with much or whether it be with little.

Have you noticed that God always uses the smallest things, the weakest persons, to bring His victories? Study the experience of how God used Gideon and see how the love of power had no place in God's work for him. The love of power has never once in human history brought a single blessing to man only untold misery and pain. Look at the example of World War II alone. Over 45 million people died in just 6 years. The blood of even little children and babes ran like a river. Then we see how the main person in this tragedy, who was so much in love with power, did like Judas and took his own life.

On the other hand the power of love defeated sin and death. It opened the life gate that all may enter in to enjoy eternal peace and happiness. Because of the power of love, one Man gave His life willingly that a world might be saved. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men:" "And he said unto them, the kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve." Phil 2:5-7. Luke 22:25-27

WHO THEN IS THE GREATEST?

The answer is very clear. It is the one who stands nearest to Christ; he who on earth has drunk most deeply of the spirit of His self-sacrificing love; love

that "vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, . . . seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;" 1 Cor. 13:4,5 love that moves the disciple as it moved our Lord to give all; to live and labour and sacrifice even unto death for

the saving of humanity. This spirit was made manifest in the life of Paul. He said, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Phil. 1:21. Gain to Christ, death to self would make manifest the power of His grace and gather souls to

him. "Christ shall be magnified in my ody," he said. Whether it be by life or by death, may we behold Jesus and allow the power of his love to completely change our lives. AMEN

--Ian Grant

The 20 definitions of love

Perfect love is:

Slow to suspect but quick to trust.
Slow to condemn but quick to justify.
Slow to offend but quick to defend.
Slow to expose but quick to shield.
Slow to reprimand, but quick to forbear.
Slow to belittle, but quick to appreciate.
Slow to demand, but quick to give.
Slow to provoke, but quick to conciliate.
Slow to hinder, but quick to help.
Slow to repent, but quick to forgive.

1 Corinthians 13, paraphrased



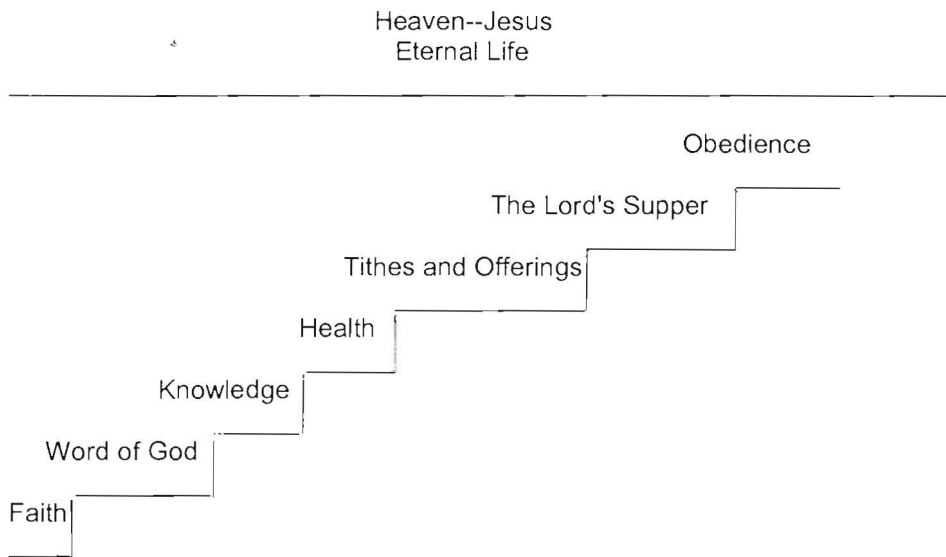
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The Way to Eternal Life

"Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Mark 10:17, last part.

We are going to study this question with the help of the Bible and the Testimonies.
First with the Bible:



First Step=faitth, "believe", accept Jesus as your personal Saviour. Read John 3:15-16; Mark 16:16; John 6:40; Ephesians 3:17; Hebrews 11:1,6.

Second Step=Word of God, law of God, truth, the Gospel, Testimony of Jesus. Read Luke 21:33. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away. Also read Isaiah 8:20; John 12:50; John 5:39; John 14:23; John 15:10; John 17:17; Romans 7:12; Revelation 22:14.

Third Step=Knowledge about God, Jesus, Holy Spirit. Read John 17:3; Romans 3:20=knowledge of sin. Ephesians 3:19; Philippians 3:8; Colossians 1:9; 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 1:5; 3:18; 1 John 2:3-4.

Fourth Step=Health, health message from God, our character, our attitude, our words, our body, our mind, our soul. Read Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 22:37; Genesis 1:26-29; Colossians 3:12-14; 2:21; Philippians 1:20; 3:13-14, 21; 4:7-9; 2:14-15; James 3:1-8 (the whole chapter is good). Also good to read is Daniel chapter 1, especially verse 8.

Fifth Step=Tithes and Offerings. To study about what God means about tithes and offerings, to study about our money, and study about our stewardship, about our account. Read Psalms 62:10; Matthew 25:40; 1 Cor. 4:2; Luke 12:15; Matthew 6:19-21; Luke 6:38; Matthew 5:7; Proverbs 3:9-10; 1 Timothy 6:9,10.

Sixth Step=The Lord's Supper, washing feet, eating bread and drinking wine--what does it mean? Read John 6:54; 1 Cor. 11:24-25; John 13:1-16 (the whole chapter is good to read).

Seventh Step=Obedience. Read 2 Cor. 2:9; Philippians 2:8 (example of Jesus); 1 Peter 1:14-16; Deuteronomy 11:27; 1 Samuel 15:22; Jeremiah 7:23; Acts 5:29; 2 Timothy 4:7,8; Philippians 4:13; 1:21.

Dear reader, this material is for study. Each step goes deep into study, but leads to heaven. After each step you add more scripture verses which support each step. Also there is homework to do. First, describe heaven by your own thinking, then describe heaven as the Bible describes it. Second, describe the world by your own thoughts--what do you think about the world? Then read what the Bible says about the world.

- 1) The first step is to come out of the world and by faith accept Jesus as a personal Saviour.
- 2) Then we go to the second step to see what the Word of God is. What does the Bible say about eternal life and what must we do to inherit eternal life? What is the law? Why is it given to us? What are the testimonies? Do we believe that the law of God is unchangeable? Do we search the Scriptures to find out about Jesus, God, and the Holy Spirit, about our salvation? And how to find the way to eternal life?
- 3) To have more knowledge about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Why is it so important to know Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit? Then to have the knowledge of sin, who is Satan? What is he doing?
- 4) The health message. Why did God give us the health message, especially for today? What connection is there between health and eternal life? Why is it so important to proclaim the health message today? Also, we need to study about our body and health and the influence our health has on our character.
- 5) Why is it important to give tithes and offerings to God? What do tithes and offerings have to do with eternal life? Can we have eternal life without giving our tithes and offerings?
- 6) Can we have eternal life without participating in the Lord's Supper? We have to study about washing of feet and its meaning. Why did Jesus give us the example and wash his disciples feet? We need to consider that the Lord's Supper is very important to our salvation.
- 7) Why is it so important to be obedient to God? It is good to believe the six steps but if we don't do them, we are lost. The Bible says, "Obedience is better than sacrifice". Without obedience we cannot have eternal life.
- 8) Now we can study generally about heaven. What kind of people are there? What are we going to do there? Why is heaven so important? In heaven we will fully understand the redemption story. There we will be with people who also proclaimed the message for this time.

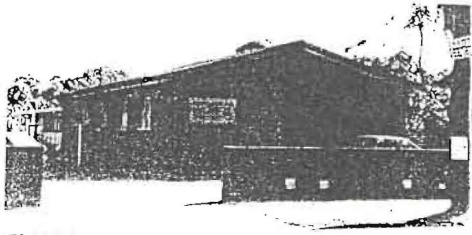
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The Australian Field Conference 1998

The 9th of April, 1998 brought great joy, excitement and spiritual appetite to the faithful followers of Jesus, who are spread so far apart on this vast continent and yet have kept the courage for so long. After not seeing each other for such a long time, we were eager to meet and share new experiences and receive the blessings in store for us at this convention.

After travelling for 1000's of kilometers, it was good to meet with brethren from as far as New Zealand, Australia wide and Br. Joel Barnedo from the Philippines. He was our special guest and General Conference representative, who had many interesting experiences to share on how he uses his massage skills to bring the health message and doctrine to others.

Friday

After a good night's sleep we awoke with a thankful heart to the Lord for His grace and mercy in bringing us together again.

The theme of the conference was: "Is Jesus the Answer?"

We opened with Hymn #161, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and Br. Andrade welcomed everyone warmly to the opening of this conference, and the blessings which were in store for us. He then spoke on the "Snares of Satan" which are: Pride, selfishness, covetousness, respect for persons, backsliding, unbelief and anger (1 Peter 5:7). The meeting was closed with a prayer.

The next study was entitled "The Dark Ministry of Bad Angels". We opened our meeting with Hymn #112, "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" which was followed by a special item in song.

Br. Barnedo led us through an interesting study where the tools of Satan was outlined, such as anger, negative thoughts, doubt, rejecting light, all of which is detrimental to our spiritual welfare. We closed with a prayer.

After some final preparations from our skilful ladies, we all sat down to a delicious meal, which satisfied the cravings from our stomachs. The afternoon was set free for fellowship and preparation for the Sabbath. One hour before sunset we gathered together to hear Br. Andrade's study on "Sowing and Reaping". The meeting was opened with the hymn, "He Leadeth Me", and a reading from Galatians 6:7. "Do not be deceived, God in not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that he will also reap." If we forgive others their small trespasses, God will forgive our large trespasses. The meeting was closed with the hymn, "Moment by Moment".

To welcome the Sabbath, we all formed a large circle and sang, "With Jesus in the Church". We all rejoiced that our Gracious Lord has granted us another blessed Sabbath to rest from our labours and come closer to Him through prayer and the study of His Word.

Sabbath

On Sabbath morning the clouds parted and let in a few rays of sunlight and warmth, as Friday had been overcast and raining.

Br. Andrade led out in the Sabbath School and we all sang together, "My Jesus I Love Thee", and read Psalms 1. Sis. Nada Stefanovic presented one of her favourite poems and we sang our next hymn, "Pass Me Not O Gentle Saviour". Many encouraging and interesting experiences were shared.

Sis. Elvira Dammasch took us briefly over the review lesson, entitled "Difficult Times", which spoke of the promise of Canaan to the descendents of Abraham, and the predicted 400 years of affliction.

This was followed by the daily lesson, "Worse Difficulties", where Sis. Jenny Nalder explained the hardships of Israel in Egypt. The Sabbath School was closed with the hymn, "There's Power in the Blood" and a prayer.

The topic of the divine service was "Trials and their Objects". The only way to purify gold is to pass it through the fire. The only way to purify our characters is for it to pass through trials and tribulations. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10.

The afternoon meeting was on "Environmental, Physical, and Spiritual Pollution" as being the cause of sin. The stunted growth and poor crop production are obvious signs of environmental pollution. The short life span of man today in comparison with Adam and his descendents is physical pollution. Spiritual pollution is seen as man discarding the law of the Creator, and polluting their mental ability to discern.

The afternoon was spent in a very fulfilling young people's meeting. Items in song, poems, stories, experiences, Bible questions and many more were shared by the young people and the elderly.

The Sabbath was closed again with a large circle, which had grown so much wider since the start of the conference. The evening was spent in talking and socializing, making use of the little time left for being together.

Sunday

On Sunday our conference came to an end. We had an early start with the meetings at 8:30 a.m. Br. Barnedo spoke on the life of Jesus, who is our example in all things. The hymn, "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing", was sung, with a reading from 1 Pet. 2:21. Christ left us an example that we should follow in His footsteps. Abide in Christ, then we shall also walk as he has walked.

The remainder of the morning was spent looking further into the life of our wonderful Saviour, "Life Only Through Christ".

We can obtain redemption and the forgiveness of our sins only through the blood of Christ. In John 5:24 it says, "He who hears My word, and believes in Him who has sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment but shall pass from death unto life."

The last meeting was on "Power in Unity".

A group photo was taken while it was still day.

Jesus is the only one that can bring salvation to this sinful world, and He is the only one who can forgive our sins.

The conference was closed by singing, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again".

This conference was a great success and we all learned something.

Written by Markus Dammasch

"Humble yourselves before God, and make an earnest effort to empty the soul temple of all rubbish,--all envyings, all jealousies, all suspicions, all fault-findings... The Lord speaks; enter into your closet, and in silence commune with your own views of self as secret prayer." 5T 163.



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The Return to Rome

"Pope Paul VI said to Sri Chinmoy, a Hindu leader, 'Your gospel and my gospel are the same.' And now evangelical leaders are saying to Rome, 'Your gospel and our gospel are the same.' Billy Graham has recommended a biography of Pope Paul VI which encouraged 'devotion to Mary, the Saints, worship of the wafer at the Mass, and trust in the sacraments for salvation.' He called the book 'a classic in devotion.' Having visited the Pope John Paul II several times, Graham calls him 'the world's greatest evangelist' and says that any differences in their theology 'are not important as far as personal salvation is concerned.' Tell that to the millions who died at the hands of Rome because of very real differences that Graham now denies!

"On the Phil Donahue Show, Billy Graham praised the Pope as 'a moral and spiritual leader that the American people could look up to and said, 'Thank God, I've got somebody to quote now with real authority.'

"The move back to Rome has been under way for many years under the leadership of Billy Graham and his magazine, *Christianity Today*. Senior Editor, Kenneth Kantzer, in a CT editorial, honored Pope John Paul II as the successor of Saint Peter whom 'God has called...to forge a united church...[whose] priority to the Christian message...endear[s] him to the hearts of evangelicals.' Apparently the martyrs died for a

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semantic misunderstanding which has lately been clarified!

"In his 1977 crusade on the campus of Notre Dame University, Graham's invitation certainly confused the gospel: 'Many of you want to come tonight and reconfirm your confirmation. You want to reconfirm the decision that you made when you joined the church.' He made a similar appeal for people to 'reconfirm their confirmation' at his Milwaukee crusade in August 1978. In Milwaukee, 3,500 names of those who went forward were turned over to the Roman Catholic Archdiocese. At Billy Graham's Vancouver, British Columbia crusade in October 1984, David Cline, vice-chairman of the organizing committee, had this to say; 'If Catholics step forward there will be no attempt to convert them and their names will be given to the Catholic church nearest them.'

"Rome has neither changed its beliefs nor rescinded its more than 100 anathemas damning those who accept the Biblical gospel. Nevertheless, Billy Graham has said, 'I've found that my beliefs are essentially the same as those of orthodox Roman Catholics.' Upon receiving

an honorary doctorate at Belmont Abbey (a Jesuit college), Graham said, 'the gospel that built this school and the gospel that brings me here tonight is still the way of salvation'-an unthinkable statement in light of Rome's undeniably false gospel of works, ritual, purgatory, indulgences, prayers to the saints, and the perpetual sacrifice of Christ in the Mass. In justification of burning the martyrs, the highest Roman Catholic authority states:

"If anyone says that the sacraments of the New Law [Roman Catholic rituals] are not necessary for salvation but ...that without them...men obtain from God through faith alone the grace of justification...let him be anathema.

"If anyone says that in the Mass a true and real sacrifice is not offered to God...let him be anathema.

"If anyone says that the sacrifice of the Mass isa mere commemoration of the sacrifice consummated on the cross but not a propitiatory one...and not to be offered for....the dead, for sins...let him be anathema.

"Of course, Graham and *Christianity Today* have not been alone in bringing evangelicals back to Rome. Paul and Jan Crouch and TBN (Trinity Broadcasting Network) are at the forefront of this move. Crouch believes in the apparitions of Mary and even that Mary has appeared to him and Jan. He recently said:

"In the 1980s, David Duplessis, father of modern Pentecostalism, visited Medjugorje...and concluded what he experienced was...a revival, the likes of which he had given up seeing in his lifetime, and he spotted no 'bad fruit.' The heavenly apparitions, concluded the great Charismatic leader, were 'of

God.' [And most Pentecostal leaders have openly embraced the Pope and his teaching of one world church – with the Pope as the world religious leader.]

“Also leading the march back to Rome are Pat Robertson’s Christian Coalition, *Charisma* magazine, Promise Keepers (which has a Roman Catholic on its board, uses a Catholic evangelist at its meetings, just revised its statement of faith to satisfy Catholics, and cooperates closely with Rome), and others. John Wimber, head of the Vineyard movement, from which Promise Keepers came, has called the Pope ‘a born-again evangelist....[who] is preaching the gospel as clearly as anybody is preaching it in the world today. [This movement was the inspiration for the so-called “holy laughter blessing” which began several years ago in Toronto.]

“Bill Bright and Campus Crusade for Christ have worked closely with Catholics for years and have welcomed a number of them on staff. Norman Vincent Peale said in 1984 on the Phil Donahue Show: ‘You have your way to God; I have mine. I found eternal peace in a Shinto shrine....I’ve been to Shinto shrines and God is everywhere.’ Shocked, Phil Donahue responded, ‘but you’re a Christian minister; you’re supposed to tell me that Christ is the way and the truth and the life, aren’t you?’ Peale replied, ‘Christ is one of the ways, God is everywhere.’ “

There are so many famous Christian leaders who now are trumpeting the way to Rome, space limits us to tell them all. God’s people are to preach the gospel unencumbered by the apostasy of politics, error or selfishness. “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come, For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy...having a form

of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 2 Tim: 3:1,2,5.—Before the final visitation of God’s judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and His word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time to prepare a people for the Lord’s second coming. The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it by introducing a counterfeit. In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power he will make it appear that God’s special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world.” *Maranatha* p. 25

Now, there are so many counterfeits arising on every side –all leading to

Rome- that we can say that “all roads lead to Rome.” The World Council of Churches, the Pentecostal Movement, and now the open call to accept the Pope as the head of all the Christian world are each saying that the end is near.

“Charles Beecher, in a sermon in the year 1846, declared that the ministry of “the evangelical Protestant denominations” is “not only formed all the way up under a tremendous pressure of merely human fear, but they live, and move, and breathe in a state of things radically corrupt, and appealing every hour to every baser element of their nature to hush up the truth, and bow the knee to the power of apostasy. Was not this the way things went with Rome? Are we not living her life over again? And what do we see just ahead? Another general council! A world’s convention! Evangelical alliance, and universal creed!’ ...when this shall be gained, then, in the effort to secure complete uniformity, it will be only a step to the resort to force.

“When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result.” *Great Controversy*, p. 444-445

Headless Human Clones seen as Transplant Boon

London (AP)- October 19,1997

“British scientists have created a frog embryo without a head, a technique that may lead to the production of headless human clones to grow organs (hearts, kidneys and livers) in an embryonic sac living in an artificial womb and tissue for transplant, The *Sunday Times* reported.

“Many scientists believe human cloning is inevitable following the birth of the sheep, Dolly, the world’s first cloned mammal, at a laboratory in

Scotland. Scientists at the Roslin Institute at Edinburgh created Dolly using cells from the udder of a dead sheep.

The *Sunday Times* said the two techniques could be combined so that people needing transplants could have organs 'grown to order.' "

There is an incredible lack of respect for God's order in life as seen in the abortion mills, society's attitude toward euthanasia, and the so-called reproductive technologies, (whereby even elderly women have been enabled to give birth to test-tube babies.) Truly, we can say, "The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." Is. 24:5 As mankind chooses following their own way in opposition to God's plan, we can show that only Jesus has the answer, and it is in harmony with morality, decency and respect for life.

110 New Fires, record heat plague

from *USA TODAY*, June 22, 1998
"Blazes in the Florida Everglades and a record-setting heat wave in the Southwest exposed many to heat and smoke that America has never seen the likes of—at least all at one time. Some thunderstorms did come along, but ended up doing more harm than good last week."

"The plagues of God are already falling upon the earth, sweeping away the most costly structures as if by a breath of fire from heaven. Will not these judgments bring professing Christians to their senses? God permits them to come that the world may take heed, that sinners may be afraid and tremble before Him.—3 MR p.311 (1902)

"A great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. We who know the truth

should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise." 8T p. 28

"The highest excitement prevails, yet probation's hour is fast closing, and every case is about to be eternally decided. Satan sees that his time is short. He has set all his agencies at work that men may be deceived, deluded, occupied, and entranced until the day of probation shall be ended, and the door of mercy forever shut. *Southern Watchman* Oct. 3, 1905.

"Strange, eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven. Everything in our world is in agitation. The nations are angry, and the time of the dead has come, that they should be judged. Events are changing to bring about the day of God which hasteth greatly. Only a moment of time, as it were, yet remains. As yet, the four winds are held until the servants of God shall be sealed in their foreheads. Then the powers of earth will marshal their forces for the last great battle." 6 T p. 14.

"The time is at hand when there will be sorrow in the world that no human balm can heal. The Spirit of God is being withdrawn. Disasters by sea and by land follow one another in quick succession. How frequently we hear of earthquakes and tornadoes, of destruction by fire and flood, with great loss of life

and property! Apparently these calamities are capricious outbreaks of disorganized, unregulated forces of nature, wholly beyond the control of man; but in them all, God's purposes may be read. They are among the agencies by which He seeks to arouse men and women to a sense of their danger." *Prophets and Kings*, p. 277

"Before the flood, God sent Noah to warn the world, that the people might be led to repentance, and thus escape the threatened destruction. As the time of Christ's second appearing draws near, the Lord sends His servants with a warning to the world to prepare for that great event. Multitudes have been living in transgression of God's law, and now He in mercy calls them to obey its sacred precepts. All who will put away their sins by repentance toward God and faith in Christ, are offered pardon." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 102.

In all the movements afoot to accept and exalt the Pope as head of the religious world, and accept and exalt the U.S. as the head of all the world economically, socially and politically, we see that the end is very near. Also, all of the chaos, death and destruction tell us that God's hand of mercy is slowly but surely being withdrawn from the world. The devil is going to make people think that they must come back to keep "the Lord's day" holy. That will bring the battle of the end against God's remnant people.

"This earth has almost reached the place where God will permit the destroyer to work his will upon it. The substitution of the laws of men for the law of God, the exaltation, by merely human authority, of Sunday in place of the Bible Sabbath, is the last act in the drama. When this substitution becomes universal, God will reveal Himself. He will arise in His majesty to shake terribly the earth. He will come out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the world for their iniquity, and the earth shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." 7 T p. 141.

Born to Live

Baptismal Testimony
By
Radek Dobias



On August 16th, 1998 I made my covenant with the Lord by entering the watery grave of Lake Ontario. The Lord has led me to His church, and I'm sure that He will lead me home.

Let me give you little of background about myself to those who do not know me. I was born in a small town in Czechoslovakia in the late seventies. I never had much religious education, although my father told me that there was God and that He cared. But since I wasn't grounded in the Lord in any way (I never read the Bible), habits of Satan soon crept in. I was deeply into heavy metal music, which is the direct opposite of the gospel. I still remember a line from one of the songs Hail and Kill: "The hammer of hate, is our faith, I was born to die !!!". Today, I'm born to live. But in those days, the music had a special power over me. It stirred my soul in a strange way, the way of murder and hate. The songs contained images of spirits, steel swords, death, blood, demonic warriors of the old and Satan. When I read years later the "Great Controversy", I was amazed how Satan twisted the truth since exactly the same scenes were described but with a different ending. Especially the scene in the last chapter of Great Controversy, where Satan leads his army against the camp of Saints was twisted. I was indeed, "without Christ...having no hope, and without God in the world" Ephesians 2:12

It was no wonder I started to engage in violent sports and activities. Martial arts, wrestling, and gambling were some of my passtimes. But the Lord wouldn't let me to perish. He saw that I had an honest heart and was honestly walking in the wrong direction.

In 1994, thanks to my father, I visited the Reform Movement...

My father was involved with the seventh-day Adventist church for a few years. However, he saw lukewarmness and apostasy in the church so he was looking for another church. He was pointed to Reform Movement through my mother, who is not a Christian (one of many miracles in his life). He was also baptized on the same day as I.

The Lord is a good shepherd. He blessed my missionary efforts through the Internet, and we received many responses through the web page. Please, pray for this work.

Your brother,
Radek Dobias

OUR GOAL IN HEALTH

Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls..." Jeremiah 6:16.

Often when we talk about the truth we talk about "old time religion". Especially in the Reform church we talk about going back to the "old paths". Our health message today is not something new and revolutionary. In fact, it is quite old. It is older than the Sabbath as far as this earth is concerned, since it was given to man after he was created on the 6th day, BEFORE he rested on the Sabbath day. To the people in the world, these new discoveries in health are new and revolutionary. To the true Christian it should be going back to the basic truth.

Like the truth, Health Reform is also progressive. Think back to where you were a year ago with your diet and health. Have you progressed? Have you backslidden? Or have you basically stayed in the same place? In the natural world we have heard it is said that if you are not growing you are dying. So also in our spiritual life – if you are not growing daily in your spiritual life, you are really dying. This is true in Health Reform as well. I hope that we can all say that we have progressed from where we were a year ago. I hope we are progressing past being only a

vegetarian and becoming a Health Reformer. The difference being that a vegetarian has reached a plateau where they are satisfied and Health Reform is progressive.

Our ultimate goal as far as health is concerned is found in the book of Genesis. "And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat." Genesis 1:29 A goal is something that we work toward, not something that occurs overnight. It may take days, weeks, month or even years, but we must reach for this goal. According to the world this type of diet is called "Vegan", but even then a Vegan diet is not necessarily progressive. While a Vegan diet may eliminate all animal products including dairy products, they may still indulge in excessive sugars, tea, coffee, pickles, mustard, vinegar or other harmful substances. We must go beyond and be Health Reformers in the truest sense.

Often in the past a person who ate a Vegan diet was labelled a fanatic. Sometimes you may be thought of as such but were Adam and Eve fanatics? Are the angels of heaven fanatics? They eat this kind of diet and we have to get used to this type of diet if we are preparing to make a home among them.

If this is the goal, then let us address some common concerns.

CALCIUM:

It has been scientifically proven that excess protein in the diet excretes calcium from the body. If you lower your protein intake you may also reduce your calcium intake and still obtain the required calcium to prevent bone loss. Milk has a high amount of protein and calcium and because the protein is so high, there is a need of high amounts of calcium to compensate for that which is excreted by the high protein.

There are many vegetable sources of Calcium. Here is a list of some:

- 1 cup chickpeas - 300mg.
- 1 cup soybeans - 131mg
- 1 cup collards greens - 357 mg.
- 1 cup tofu - 154mg
- 1 cup kale - 206mg
- 1 cup turnip greens - 267mg
- 1 cup spinach
 - fresh, cooked - 167mg
 - frozen - 200mg
- ½ cup almonds - 100mg
- ½ cup pistachios - 100mg
- 1 Tbsp. Tahini - 30-40 mg

Other sources are: brazil nuts, peanuts, carob, soy flour, soymilk, sesame seeds.

Chart taken from "*Vegetarian Cooking – A World of Difference.*"

A few months back there was an article about soymilk in the *Messenger*. Refer to that if you have any questions about the subject. While soymilk has a good amount of protein it is low in calcium. There are now soymilks on the market that are fortified with calcium to make up for this lack.

Many years ago our family went to visit a Naturopathic Doctor out of curiosity, just to see what he could tell us. We got onto the subject of milk. He went on to tell of one of his patients who drank a litre of milk a day and ended up with osteoporosis. She was extremely upset about it and wondered why? Why did she get osteoporosis if she drank so much milk? Isn't that what all the advertisements are telling us today? Drink milk for your bones? Is the media deceiving us? He told her that it is BECAUSE she drank so much milk that she got osteoporosis and this naturally upset her because not only the advertisements but her regular doctor had told her she needed to drink a lot of milk to avoid osteoporosis.

Here are a few comments from health conscious doctors.

“Diets rich in protein, especially animal protein, are known to cause people to excrete more calcium than normal through their urine and increase the risk of osteoporosis. Countries with lower-protein diets have lower rates of osteoporosis and hip fractures. This holds true even

in countries with low calcium intake.”¹

“Osteoporosis is bone loss due to calcium resorption, which, contrary to the advice of the dairy industry, is not halted or prevented by an increase in the intake of calcium so much as by a drop in protein consumption. High-protein foods, such as meat, eggs and dairy products leach calcium from the body by causing excessive calcium loss through the kidneys, making the kidneys work harder and causing loss of minerals such as calcium. Societies with little or no consumption of dairy foods and animal proteins show a low incidence of osteoporosis. Vegetarians and vegans in North America also have a lower than average incidence of osteoporosis.”²

The African Bantu woman provides an excellent example of good health. Her diet is free of milk and still provides 250-400 mg. Of calcium from plant sources, which is half the amount consumed by Western women. Bantu women commonly have 10 babies during their life and breast feed each of them for about ten months. But even with this huge calcium drain and relatively low calcium intake, osteoporosis is relatively unknown among these women.”

John McDougall, MD

In conclusion: The high protein in the cow's milk actually excretes Calcium. So you need so much more of the calcium in

order to maintain an acceptable level. Those that don't drink milk actually need less calcium because they retain more. If you are concerned about all those tables that tell you you need 800 to 1,000 mg of calcium in order to have for your body's needs, remember, those tables are made for those who drink milk and/or eat meat – not for those on a vegan diet. Those on a vegan diet actually need less calcium because more is absorbed into the body and less is excreted.

PROTEIN:

Another concern that those moving onto a vegan diet are warned about is protein combining and the difficulty involved in assuring you have the proper amount and kind of protein. It is actually quite simple. If you mix a legume or nut with a grain, you have complete protein. There are a few vegetable sources of complete proteins. The grain millet is one – it is one of the most nutritious grains. Also: potatoes, sunflower seeds, buckwheat, and soybeans. “One can easily meet the body's protein requirements with plant foods. It used to be believed that various plant foods had to be eaten together to get their full protein value, but many nutrition authorities, including the American Dietetic Association, have determined that intentional combining is not necessary. As long as one's diet includes a variety of grains, legumes, and vegetables, protein needs are easily met.”³

"The average American diet contains meat and dairy products. As a result, it is too high in protein. This can lead to a number of serious health problems such as: kidney disease, cancer, osteoporosis and kidney stones." 4

"For a long time it was thought that athletes needed much more protein than other people. The truth is that athletes need only slightly more protein, which is easily obtained in the larger servings athletes require for their higher caloric intake. Vegetarian diets are great for athletes." 5

While our food is to be simple, it is still to be palatable. We are not to eat though, to simply gratify the lust of our appetites. We are to eat for strength. "Blessed art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!" Eccl. 10:17.

"THE GREATEST SIN A PERSON CAN COMMIT IS TO SIN AGAINST KNOWLEDGE."

This above statement includes the health message. If you know a certain food is harming your health then it is a great sin to indulge in it. The Lord didn't give all those counsels to His church through His prophet Ellen G. White simply to give us guidelines to pick and choose which ones we want to observe. We must observe them all or then nothing. If we break one,

then we are guilty of breaking them all. If I say, I won't eat meat, but I will eat a lot of unhealthy desserts and pastries, we are lawbreakers. We are destroying the living machinery that God has given us to take care of. We will be found guilty of not properly taking care of it and it will be held against us on the judgement day. We have been privileged to be given great light on the subject of health reform. Let us appreciate and use this knowledge wisely.

**BEWARE OF THE
DIETARY DOUBLE
STANDARD.**

When a non-vegetarian gets sick, people assume it's because of stress, overwork,

germs, lack of sleep or just chance; but if a vegetarian gets the same illness it

is often their diet which is suspect.

Let's make sure we don't make this statement true in our church in comparing those who live Health Reform and those who are simply Vegetarians.

It takes time and effort to learn a new way of cooking, but the results are worth the effort. There isn't much time left in the history of the world. It is time that we made a serious effort to leave off with the things of this world that are tying us down

and be brought closer to the kingdom of heaven. John wrote, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 1 John 2:15. This verse includes the pleasures of this world as well as the foods of this world that are not good for us but are consumed simply to satisfy a perverted appetite. We have to love the things of the Lord first. Today we must prepare for heaven. We are not promised tomorrow. I hope and pray that we all will make an earnest effort for our salvation.

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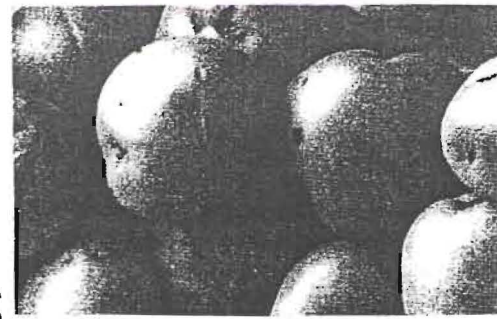
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STOLEN POTATOES



Potatoes for breakfast, lunch and dinner? Who could enjoy eating potatoes that often? Or who would be that hungry for potatoes?

Once long, cold winter morning in northern Ontario, the temperature dropped to about 25 degrees below zero and stayed there for ten days. Then it took a sudden one-day plunge to 38 degrees below before slowly warming up to about five degrees below zero. After all that intense cold, a temperature of 5 below felt almost like spring.

"I felt sorry for all the wild animals," Mrs. Smith was saying one day as she put dinner on the table in her large, warm kitchen.

"What do they do to keep from freezing?" eight-year-old Sally wanted to know.

"Sometimes they don't," answered her older brother, Dennis. "Only those who have a snug, warm hole to sleep in and plenty of food stored away make it through without great suffering."

"How about rabbits?" tenderhearted Sally wanted to know. "And quails, and the field mice?"

"The Field mice usually have seeds stored in their underground nests," Dennis told her. "But even then, if they venture out, an owl or a hungry

fox may get them. The rabbits have a hard time finding food, and the poor little quails would probably die if they didn't find that grain you and I put out for them by the hen house every day."

"I wish I knew where the little quails sleep," Sally went on sadly "I wish they had a sheltered place like our hen house."

"They sleep in brush piles, inside old corn shocks, or wherever they can get out of the wind," Dennis replied. "Sometimes they even fly right into a deep snowbank, and the fluffy snow helps to keep them warm."

"Winter is hard for the wild animals," Mrs. Smith said. "Only the strongest survive."

"The deer are coming out of the woods and looking for something to eat around the farms," Mr. Smith added. "Our neighbour, James, said the deer are getting into his haystacks."

"It's lucky we have all our hay in the barn, isn't it?" remarked Dennis.

"Lucky for us," Mr. Smith agreed, "but not lucky for the deer. We have plenty; so perhaps we should start putting some out in the barnyard each day until this terrible cold spell is over."

"Oh yes!" Sally cried. "Let's do it. I will help feed the deer."

The next day Mr. Smith and Dennis were hauling a load of firewood from where it had been stacked out near the wood lot. Their route took them past the potato pit.

The Smiths, and nearly everyone else in their farm community, raised several acres of potatoes each year. They sold most of the crop right after digging in the fall, just before frost came. But many bushels of good potatoes were kept to be cut up and planted the following spring for a new crop.

They often stored these seed potatoes over winter in pits in the ground and covered them with straw and a deep layer of dirt to keep out the frost. The pit stayed cold enough to keep them in good condition until spring, but not too cold, as the potatoes were buried deep enough to be below the freezing line.

As Mr. Smith and Dennis neared the potato pit, they noticed that it had been disturbed. Stopping the horses and sled, they walked over to examine the pit. Snow and dirt had been dug away from the mounded top, earth and straw had been dug up and scattered about, and some of the potatoes had been eaten.

"It's easy to see who did this," Mr. Smith said as he pointed to many deer hoofprints in the snow. "They must be starving if they are forced to go to all that hard work to get at our seed potatoes. They've been eating potatoes for breakfast, lunch, and dinner."

"But how did they know the potatoes were there?" Dennis marveled.

"I don't know," his father admitted. "They may have a keener sense of smell than we do?"

"Let's get this wood up to the house in a hurry, for we have two jobs to do," Mr. Smith declared. "First, we'll have to take care of the potato pit."

"Then, put out hay for the deer?" Danny asked.

"You're right," answered his father.

After stacking their load of wood, they went inside the house to get warm and to tell the news to Mrs. Smith and Sally.

"I'm so glad the deer found something to eat," Sally exclaimed joyfully, when she heard the story.

Her father laughed. "I'm so glad you're glad. You may have to do without something you have wanted, for those deer have destroyed a lot of our seed potatoes. Some men would shoot the deer for it, but I'd rather help than kill those gentle animals."

"Well, what's done can't be helped." Mrs. Smith comforted. "I think you are right in putting out hay for them. We can spare it."

Mr. Smith and Dennis found many partly eaten

potatoes and others that had been frozen from being exposed to the cold. They threw these all out on the snow where the deer could get them. They overspread the remaining good potatoes with straw, put a layer of boards over that, and mounded earth over the boards.

"That should take care of things until potato-planting time next spring," Mr. Smith stated.

They put hay out in the feedlot nearly every day for the next few weeks, and several deer came and gratefully ate the offering.

"I'm thankful we can keep a few from starving," Mrs. Smith commented as she and Sally stood at the window and watched four deer eating hay.

When spring-planting time came, the whole family worked to get the potatoes into the ground. Mr. And Mrs. Smith spent hours cutting the potatoes just so, with two or three eyes in each piece. This would assure good sprouting and rooting. Sally helped cut, watching her mother carefully to be sure to do it just right. Then all four of them took the pails of cut-up potatoes. They planted them by dropping one cut piece in the furrow, taking a long step, and dropping in another potato, all down the long rows. Then with a hoe they neatly covered each potato, and the potato planting was done.

"One thing about having less potatoes to plant - we're done with the job sooner," Dennis said as he straightened his tired back.

"Less potatoes; less money," Mr. Smith reminded him.

"We'll see how the crop comes out this fall," Mrs. Smith counseled.

At harvesttime the Smiths were excited about what a generous crop of potatoes they had. When they finished digging and bagging, they had discovered that they had as many bushels of potatoes as in their best year.

"Our summer weather was no different from last year," Mr. Smith remembered. "But we surely got a lot more potatoes than I expected from the smaller supply of seed potatoes."

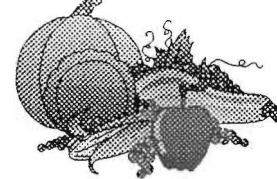
Mrs. Smith answered thoughtfully, "I think that Solomon has the answer to our good crop. Would you say that the deer we fed instead of shooting last winter were poor."

"Why, yes," the others agreed, puzzled at what she was trying to say.

"Then here it is," Mrs. Smith pointed out. "'He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.'"



Vitamin "A" Deficiency



What are vitamins? Vitamins are distinct chemical substances found in food, and without them you could not use the food that you eat. They are found in raw and fresh fruits, vegetables and grains.

What causes Vitamin A deficiency? It is the lack of leafy green vegetables such as spinach, lettuce, cabbage, alfalfa and clover; also, tomatoes, carrots, sweet potatoes, yellow corn, peaches, nectarines, and apricots. The more highly coloured the vegetable or fruit, the greater the amount of Vitamin A. This vitamin is needed for cells to grow. If it is lacking, teeth will not develop and the skin and lining membranes of the mouth, lungs and kidneys suffer.

There is a greater susceptibility to ear, nose and throat difficulties (sinus troubles). The symptoms for sinus troubles are pain in the sinuses (sometimes becoming very severe), aching eyes, and a watery discharge from the nose in the acute stage. Symptoms are similar to those in hay fever, which is brought on by the same cause. If there is not sufficient Vitamin A in the body, it can cause eye trouble and night blindness.

The treatment for this deficiency is: to regulate bowel elimination so as to have three good eliminations per day. A fruit juice diet lasting for 4-5 days would be very beneficial. To cure this deficiency, it would be essential to stop using meat of all kinds. Equally important would be to abstain from using white sugar and white flour, which rob the body of all indispensable nutrients. Eating devitalized food makes the blood impure and lacking in many vitamins and minerals. "Through appetite Satan controls the mind and the whole being. Thousands who might have lived have passed into the grave, physical, mental, and moral wrecks, because they have sacrificed all their powers to the indulgence of appetite." MCP, vol. 2.

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Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up-hill,
When funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit!

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won had he stuck it out,
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and struggling man,
Often the struggler has given up,
When he might have captured the victor's cup,
And he learned too late,
When the night slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you can never tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem wrong that you mustn't quit.