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Striving to be among the remnant of her seed

The Pillars of our Faith

The Sabbath

From the beginning of creation our loving heavenly Father has been interested in bestowing upon us rich blessings. In the first two chapters of the book of Genesis we find many rich gifts God gave to us: the sun, the moon, the stars, the water, all the animals, vegetation. He wanted us to have all these wonderful gifts to remember Him as the Creator. To seal the week of creation God gave us His best gift, the gift that denotes Him as the Creator, that best gift was His special day of rest. "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made."¹

Only the God of creation is the kind and loving Father who can give such a gift. In the moral law again God reminds us of the blessing He placed in our hands when He gave the seventh day of rest. "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy, six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."² The seventh day was, is, and through eternity will be a gift from God to His children.

JESUS, LORD OF THE SABBATH

In the gospels we read about Jesus, God's son, accepting His Father's richest gift in keeping holy the day His Father had given as a sign of His creation, "And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of Him through all the region round about. And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read."³

When Jesus lived upon this earth the religious leaders of the day made the seventh day, the day of rest, a burden for the people by making hundreds of man made rules and regulations for them to keep. When Jesus lived among the people He healed the sick on the seventh day, the day of rest. These acts of healing on the Sabbath were not acceptable to the religious leaders and they set out to kill Jesus because He

broke their man made rules. They determined to put Him to death for one reason—His Sabbath keeping, they insisted, was Sabbath breaking. They argued if He goes on breaking the Sabbath, all men who believe on Him will be Sabbath breakers. Therefore, in order to save the nation, they proposed to kill Jesus. But when they did that, they rejected and killed their Saviour, becoming themselves their own savior. Jesus was keeping the Sabbath, the sign that He is the Saviour as God had purposed and not as the religious leaders proposed. He said of Himself, "For the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day."⁴ After His death, resurrection and ascension to heaven He appeared to His disciple John on the Island of Patmos on the seventh day Sabbath, John tells us, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day."⁵ Even after His ascension into heaven the apostles and Jesus continued to keep the seventh day as the Sabbath, the day of rest, and will continue for eternity. "...and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord."⁶

MAN'S CHANGE OF THE SEVENTH DAY FOR THE FIRST DAY

As we have seen previously, at the end of creation God set apart and blessed the seventh day as the day of rest. Jesus and His disciples kept and worshiped God on the seventh day. But, today most of the Christian world keep and worship God on the first day of the week, Sunday. This is how history tells us the day of worship was changed from the seventh day of the week to the first day of the week.

"Royal edicts, general councils, and church ordinances sustained by secular power, were the steps by which the pagan festival attained its position of honor in the Christian world. The first public measure of enforcing Sunday observance was the law enacted by Constantine, A.D. 321. This edict required townspeople to rest on "the venerable day of the sun," but permitted countrymen to continue their agricultural pursuits. Though virtually a heathen statute, it was enforced by the emperor after his nominal acceptance of Christianity.

The royal mandate not proving a sufficient substitute for divine authority, Eusebius, a bishop who sought the favor of princes, and who was the special friend and flatterer of Constantine, advanced the claim that Christ had transferred the Sabbath to Sunday. Not a single testimony of the Scriptures was produced in proof of the new doctrine. Eusebius himself unwittingly acknowledges its falsity, and points to the real authors of the change. "All things," he says,

4. Matt. 12:8,
Mark 2:28,
Luke 6:5

5. Rev. 1:10

6. Is. 66:23

1. Gen. 2:1-3

2. Ex. 20:8-11

3. Luke 4:14-16

“Whatsoever that it was duty to do on the Sabbath, these we have transferred to the Lord’s day.” But the Sunday argument, groundless as it was, served to embolden men in trampling upon the Sabbath of the Lord. All who desired to be honored by the world accepted the popular festival.⁷

7. GC 88, 574

God gives us all freedom of choice, He is not going to make us do anything against our will, that would go against His character, but, as we have seen, it was men who changed God’s day of rest. And it is left up to us to make a willing choice if we will obey the commandments of men or the commandments of God. It is our prayer that each one will study this subject for themselves.

THE SABBATH AND HEALTH

Stress, stress, stress—our society is plagued by this modern complaint. Men, women, even children are suffering the hectic life style of our society. Everyone tries to squeeze just one more activity in their already cramped schedules. When the body finally cannot handle this stress, it collapses in exhaustion. God knowing the needs of our spirit, body and soul, provided us with the Sabbath, the day of rest, to help us refresh our mental and physical energies. A day we slow down and consider the gifts that God has provided for us in nature.

Gary Cain

Editorial

God is continuing to lead out a people from the prevailing apostasy. A people who will uphold the banner of truth, no matter what the cost, amid all the darkness and delusions of this world. “From the beginning, faithful souls have constituted the church on earth.” AA 11 Though they be few in number, and always have been, yet God still has His church. “It is not the great Cathedral, neither is it the national establishment, neither is it the various denominations, but it is those who love God and keep His commandments. Christ says ‘where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them’ (Matt. 18:20). Where Christ is even among the humble few, this is Christ’s church, for the presence of the High and Holy One who inhabiteth eternity can alone constitute a church. Where two or three are present who love and obey the commandments of God, Jesus there presides, let it be in the desolate place of the earth, in the wilderness, in the city enclosed in prison walls.” UL 315.

Despite the prevailing apostasy “the Lord Jesus will always have a chosen people to serve Him. When the Jewish people rejected Christ, the Prince of life, He took from them the kingdom of God and gave it unto the Gentiles. God will continue to work on this principle with every branch of His work. When a church proves un-

faithful to the word of the Lord, whatever their position may be, however high and sacred their calling, the Lord can no longer work with them. Others are then chosen to bear important responsibilities. But, if these in turn do not purify their lives from every wrong action, if they do not establish pure and holy principles in all their borders, then the Lord will grievously afflict and humble them and, unless they repent, will remove them from their place and make them a reproach.” UL 131.

God’s faithful people are hearing the call “COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE”, but is it enough to just physically separate from Babylon? No! Babylon must be completely separated from us as a people! After the midnight cry of 1844, the people of God were again disappointed. The angel of the Lord said “Jesus cannot yet come to earth. They must yet suffer for Jesus and endure greater trials. **They must give up errors and traditions received from men, and turn wholly to God and his word. They must be purified, made white and tried.** And those who endure that bitter trial will obtain an eternal victory.” 1SG 146.

Even so with us who have come out from the fallen churches that constitute Babylon, under the loud cry of the third angel’s message, we must give up errors

and traditions received from men, turning wholly to God and His word, being purified and made white.

It is extremely important that God’s people not only identify who Babylon really is and come out of her, but that the characteristics and teachings of Babylon be identified and removed from our lives as well. It is a life and death question, for it is this issue that distinguishes the worshipers of the beast and his image from those who worship the living God. It determines who will receive the mark of the beast and who will receive the Seal of God.

It is our endeavor here at the SDR Publishing Association to continue to bring you enlightening articles that would expose the errors and lies of Babylon and also that will unify God’s people upon the platform of eternal truth in preparation for Christ’s Second Coming.

The final message continues to go forward calling upon all who have any light to “COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE, THAT YE BE NOT PARTAKERS OF HER SINS, AND THAT YE RECEIVE NOT OF HER PLAGUES” (Rev. 18:4).

It is our sincere desire that many more precious souls will choose to investigate this vital issue of ‘Babylon’ and be led to go forth unto Christ without the camp, bearing His reproach. (see Heb. 13:13).

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BOOK AVAILABLE!

The SDRPA is offering the book “The Last Day Events” (non conference edition) for a suggested donation of \$13.00 US. In this spiral bound book you will find over 200 pages of unpublished letters and manuscripts of E.G. White concerning the last days. **English & Spanish** versions available! Also some earlier Voice articles are now available in Spanish!

Seventh-day Adventist Church—Babylon Fallen!

In the last issue of the Voice magazine, we examined the history of how the Jewish, Apostolic, and Protestant churches became a harlot of Babylon. But can this same history be repeated today? Is there any chance that the SDA church could repeat this same history and become Babylon fallen like the once-chosen churches before her? Yes!

In the year 1891, Sister White wrote to the leadership of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist church plainly warning them of this possibility.

“The world must not be introduced into the church, and married to the church, forming a bond of unity. Through this means the church will become indeed corrupt, and as stated in Revelation, ‘**a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.**’”¹

Where is this phrase found? It is recorded in Revelation 18:2, dealing with Babylon! But how could just becoming married and united with the world make the SDA church Babylon?

Who is the SDA church married to? Christ! Then if this married woman departs from the side of her Husband and unites herself with the world, she would become an adulterer and an harlot. So God, through Sister White, was warning the SDA church that if she repeated the same history which the Jewish, Apostolic, and Protestant churches followed by departing from the side of Jesus—their first love and husband—to unite herself with the world, then the SDA church would become an harlot of Babylon!

Two years later in 1893, a man named A.W. Stanton, along with several others, put out a tract calling the SDA church to be Babylon fallen at that time. In 1893 the SDA church was not Babylon fallen or any part of Babylon, and Sister White plainly wrote that this message in 1893 was error and directly from Satan.

Most SDA people believe, and have been taught, that since Sister White stated that the SDA church was not Babylon fallen or any part of Babylon in 1893, that these statements stand forever that the SDA church can never and will never become Babylon no matter what the church does. But is this really what Sister White said or implied? No!

Every testimony that you will find Sister White saying not to call the SDA church Babylon, **is only in the year 1893!** There are no testimonies either before or after this date which state not to call the church Babylon. This fact strongly suggests that **these testimonies were written in the present tense form, and are conditional.** In other words, these testimonies were written with the year of 1893 in mind, **and would only continue to be the truth on condition of the church remaining obedient to God.** In fact, Sister White even writes that there is but one church (SDA) in this world who were **at that present time** in 1893 not to be denounced as Babylon.² This indicates that this Babylon issue is based upon conditions and is not unconditional.

Also in the year 1893, Sister White verifies what

we have discussed and even lists all the different phrases which God and herself use in referring to Babylon.

“How dare mortal man pass his judgment upon them and call the church **a harlot, Babylon, a den of thieves, a cage of every unclean and hateful bird,** the habitation of devils...the Lord has had a church from that day (apostolic times) through all the changing scenes of time to the **present period, 1893.**”³

So both God and Sister White declare that to call the SDA church a harlot, or a cage of every unclean and hateful bird, **is the same as calling them Babylon!** So many want to try and place divisions between these terms, yet God states that if the church is a harlot, or a cage of every unclean and hateful bird, they are Babylon.

In 1893 the SDA church had not yet departed fully from the side of Christ—her husband—and united herself with the world. So she could not have fulfilled the conditions necessary to be converted into an harlot of Babylon as Sister White had warned in the testimony of 1891. No where in the writings of Sister White are there any unconditional promises that the SDA church could never become Babylon! It was just in 1893 the church had not yet united herself fully with the world in order to fulfill the conditions, and that is why she wrote that “at the present time” do not call the church Babylon. And just so that none of our people would become confused over this vital issue, sister White writes this testimony just two years later in 1895:

“The world must not be introduced into the church and married to the church. Through union with the world the church will become corrupt, ‘**a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.**’ The customs of the world must not have a place; for they will be open doors through which the prince of darkness will find access, and the line of demarcation will become indistinguishable between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not... Satanic forces are continually at work through the world, and it is Satan’s object to bring the church and the world into such close fellowship that their aims, their spirit, their principles, shall harmonize...”⁴

Again it is emphasized that if the SDA church departs from Christ and unites herself with the world, then the church would become “a cage of every unclean and hateful bird” or an harlot of Babylon! So the question that needs to be asked is: “Did the SDA church depart from Christ her husband and unite herself to the world, committing harlotry? Did she follow Satan’s plan to harmonize together after being warned not to? Sadly, yes.

“The professed followers of Christ **are no longer a separate and peculiar people.** The line of demarcation is indistinct. The people are subordinating themselves to the world, to its practices, its customs, its selfishness. **The church has gone over to the world** in transgression of the law, when the world should have come over to the church in obedience to the law.

3. RH 11-8-1956
(vol 6, p 515, col 1)

1. TM 265

4. RH 2-26-1895
(vol 3, p 233, col 2)

2. TM 50

Daily the church is being converted to the world.”⁵

5. COL 315-16

“It is a solemn and terrible truth that many who have been zealous in proclaiming the third angel’s message are now becoming listless and indifferent! The line of demarcation between worldlings and many professed Christians is almost indistinguishable. Many who once were earnest **Adventists** are conforming to the world—to its practices, its customs, its selfishness. Instead of leading the world to render obedience to God’s law, **the church is uniting more and more closely with the world** in transgression. **Daily the church is becoming converted to the world.**”⁶

6. 8T 118-19

“The central power of the earth is a demon. His throne is in the midst of the world, where should have been seen the throne of God. He has been patronized by the church, for **the church has been conformed to the world**, and is living in transgression of the Holy law of God.”⁷

7. TDG 28

“**The church has taken the world into her fellowship, and has given her affections to the enemies of holiness.** The church and the world are standing on the same ground in transgression of the law of God. The church prefers to assimilate to the world rather than separate from its customs and vanities.”⁸

8. Man 44, 1900, p 19
(LDE non conf. p 55)

Sadly, the SDA church departed from Christ and united herself to the world, just like the Jewish, Apostolic, and Protestant churches did before her! They are no longer a separate and peculiar people to God. The line of demarcation is indistinct. The SDA church, with her forehead firmly held up and refusing to be ashamed, chose to conform herself and be converted to, and in harmony with, Satan and the world. This woman rejected God’s explicit warning, left the side of Christ—her husband and first love, and has willingly given her affections to the devil. The church has transgressed the holy law of God by becoming an harlot!

9. Isa. 66:3,4
10. 2 Thess. 2:11, 10, 12

Since the SDA church has disregarded the plain warnings sent to her by God through Sister White, and has chosen to unite and marry herself to the world, she has fulfilled the conditions necessary to become a cage of every unclean and hateful bird or an harlot of Babylon as found in the warnings already quoted. Since this is true, would anyone dare raise their voice against the SDA church and declare her sins? Would anyone dare declare this apostate and adulterous woman to be an harlot of Babylon? **YES!**

There was a lone voice which denounced the SDA church as being an harlot! And this lone voice was none other than the estranged husband of the SDA church—Jesus Christ Himself!

“Our position in the world is not what it should be. We are far from where we should have been had our Christian experience been in harmony with the light and the opportunities given us, had we from the beginning constantly pressed onward and upward. Had we walked in the light that has been given us, had we followed on to know the Lord, our path would have grown brighter and brighter. But many of those who have had special light are so conformed to the world that they can scarcely be distinguished from worldlings. They do not stand forth as God’s peculiar people, chosen and precious. It is difficult to discern be-

tween him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.

“**In the balances of the sanctuary the Seventh-day Adventist church is to be weighed.** She will be judged by the privileges and advantages that she has had... Let God’s people remember that **only** as they believe and work out the grand principles of the gospel of Christ, can He make them a praise in the earth. **Only** as they use their God-given capabilities in His service will they enjoy the fullness and power of the promise whereon the church has been called to stand...

“Why is there so dim a perception of the true spiritual condition of the church? Has not blindness fallen upon the watchmen standing on the walls of Zion?... One who sees beneath the surface, who reads the hearts of all men, says of those who have had great light: ‘They are not afflicted and astonished because of their moral and spiritual condition.’ **‘Yea, they have chosen their own ways,** and their soul delighteth in their abominations. I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before Mine eyes, and **chose that in which I delighted not.**’ **‘God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie,’** ‘because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved,’ ‘but had pleasure in unrighteousness.’¹⁰

“The heavenly Teacher inquired: ‘What stronger delusion can beguile the mind than the pretense that you are building on the right foundation and that God accepts your works, when in reality you are working out many things according to worldly policy and are sinning against Jehovah?...’

“Who can truthfully say, ‘Our gold is tried in the fire; our garments are unspotted by the world?’ I saw our Instructor pointing to the garments of so-called righteousness. Stripping them off, He laid bare the defilement beneath. Then He (Christ) said to me: ‘Can you not see how they have pretentiously covered up their defilement and rottenness of character? **How is the faithful city become an harlot! My Father’s house is made a house of merchandise, a place whence the divine presence and glory have departed!...**’

“Unless the church, which is now being leavened with her own backsliding, **shall repent and be converted,** she will eat of the fruit of her own doing, until she shall abhor herself. When she resists the evil and chooses the good, when she seeks God with all humility and reaches her high calling in Christ, standing on the platform of eternal truth and by faith laying hold upon the attainments prepared for her, she will be healed. She will appear in her God-given simplicity and purity, **separate from earthly entanglements,** showing that the truth has made her free indeed. Then her members will indeed be the chosen of God, His representatives.”¹¹

11. Man 32, 1903
Edited version
(8T 247-51)

In 1903 Jesus Himself unerringly pronounced the SDA church and its organizational structure to be an harlot of Babylon! **But He did NOT pronounce the SDA church to be Babylon fallen at this time!** The SDA church still had a merciful chance to repent and

come away from her harlotry! So many of our people confuse this issue in their minds. A church must first become Babylon before she can become Babylon fallen!

Remember, the Protestant churches were Babylon “at the proclamation of the first angel’s message”,¹² which started about 1840. But these churches were not declared to be Babylon fallen until the summer of 1844!¹³ So for a number of years these churches were an harlot of Babylon, with the chance to repent, before they became Babylon fallen.

The first angel’s message was given to these Babylonian Protestant churches to try and “separate the church of Christ from the corrupting influence of the world.”¹⁴ These churches had departed from Christ—their first love, and had united themselves to the world—thus committing adultery and becoming an harlot of Babylon. But God, in His infinite mercy, sent them warnings and messages and a period of probationary time to repent of their great sin and to come back to His side. He allowed them a precious period of probation in which to either accept or reject His offer.

The Protestant churches did not accept the heavenly messages to repent and break their union with the world. By their fruits and actions they showed that they rejected these messages, and continued to grow worse in apostasy and rebellion against God. And in the summer of 1844, they were denounced as being Babylon fallen. **And now this same history is seen repeating itself in the experience of the SDA church!**

The SDA church has already united herself with the world, and has been denounced by Jesus as an harlot of Babylon in 1903, but not Babylon fallen. God mercifully held out and granted to the SDA church a precious period of probationary time to repent of this great sin, and not be rejected of God and denounced as Babylon fallen. This merciful probationary period was seen to be held open to the SDA church throughout the rest of Sister White’s lifetime. She continued to send messages which were designed to separate the church of Christ from the corrupting influences of the world—bringing them back solely to Jesus. **This is the reason why Sister White did not leave or resign her membership from the SDA church, because the probation of the church was not yet closed!** The church still had a chance to repent from being an harlot of Babylon by breaking away from the world and coming back to the side of Jesus—becoming His remnant church and bride once again.

But the great question that must be asked today is: “Has the SDA church repented? Have they broken up their marriage and love affair with the world to come back to the side of Christ? Or have they rejected their chance to repent, and used their probationary time in continuing to grow worse in apostasy and rebellion against God and His truths ever since Sister White’s death? Has the SDA church become Babylon fallen?”

How can we know for certain what the answer to this important question is? What has history already revealed? How did the Protestant people know that their church had passed the boundary of God’s mercy and had become Babylon fallen? They had no “Thus

saith the Lord” which plainly told them in these very words: “The Protestant churches are now Babylon fallen, come out.” So how did God’s true people know that their church had become Babylon fallen and that it was time to separate and give the message?

God’s true people spent hours of earnest agonizing prayer, coupled with intense study, to know what His will and truth was. They were enlightened by the Holy Spirit, and **they examined the fruits being produced and exhibited by their church.** This is exactly what God’s people are to do today! There will be no “Thus saith the Lord” which plainly states in these words: “The Seventh-day Adventist church is now Babylon fallen, come out.” Then how do SDA’s **know for THEMSELVES if their church has become Babylon fallen or not?** It will be only by earnest prayer for God to open their eyes and grant them His clear discernment; by their careful unbiased study of the Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy; by the enlightenment of God’s Holy Spirit in their opened minds; and by their examination of the fruits which are being produced by the SDA church of today—not the SDA church 80 years ago. **FRUITS DO NOT LIE!** They are but the true out-working and evidence of what is already in the heart by choice! Christ has plainly told us this.

15. Matt. 7:16 “Ye shall **KNOW THEM by their fruits.** Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?¹⁵

16. Matt. 7:17 “Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.¹⁶

17. Matt. 7:18 “A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.¹⁷

18. Matt. 7:19 “Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.¹⁸

19. Matt. 7:20 “**Wherefore by their fruits ye shall KNOW THEM.**”¹⁹

If the SDA church is producing only good fruits, then she has repented of her harlotry and is the bride of Christ once again. But if the SDA church is producing fruits of evil, then she has not repented but has continued on in impenitence and has rejected God’s merciful plea to come back to Him.

Your honest and unbiased examination of the fruits produced by the SDA church will plainly reveal that this harlot church has continued on in her adulterous love affair with the world and its king Satan—ever since 1903, **but especially after Sister White’s death in 1915!** Sister White even warned us that this would occur!

“I am charged to tell our people, that do not realize, that the devil has device after device, and he carries them out in ways that they do not expect. Satan’s agencies will invent ways to make sinners out of saints.

“I tell you now, that **when I am laid to rest, great changes will take place...** I want the people to know **that I warned them FULLY before my death.**”²⁰

There has been over **100 years** of “great changes” and continuous growing apostasy and rejection of God and His truths by the SDA church ever since 1903, and the church **continues to grow worse as time goes along!** The churches of Protestantism had only 4 years of the same before their probation closed

20. Man 1, 2-24-1915

corporately and they became Babylon fallen. So has this history also occurred with the SDA church? Is the probation of the SDA church closed corporately, and has the SDA church become Babylon fallen?

This is the ultimate question that is now facing every SDA church member; and all must decide **for themselves** if this is true or not. None can decide for us. We cannot trust in any of the words of men. We must decide this question for ourselves. And our decision, either for or against, will be wrought with eter-

nal results.

As this is true, how can we know for certain and for ourselves if the SDA church is still God's conditional remnant church of Revelation 12:17, or if she is Babylon fallen of Revelation 18 today?

The unerring guide from the very lips of our Saviour is:

21. Matt. 7:20 "By their fruits YE SHALL KNOW THEM."²¹

Bob Sessler

RECIPE—*Carob Brownies*

Ingredients:

Batter:

1 C honey
½ C oil
½ C carob powder
1 t salt
4 t vanilla
2/3 C soy milk, cashew milk, or rice milk
1 ½ t Pero, or Cafix, or other coffee substitute (optional)
2 C whole wheat flour
1 C coarsely chopped walnuts

Icing:

½ C water
¼ - ½ C carob powder
¼ C water
½ C date butter
½ C peanut butter
1 t vanilla
1/8 t salt

Directions:

BATTER

- For the brownies measure out the honey, oil, carob powder, salt, vanilla, milk, and coffee substitute.
- Whip thoroughly with an electric mixer, by hand or in the blender.
- Stir in the whole wheat flour and the chopped walnuts.
- Spoon into an 8 inch square oiled baking pan. Bake at 375 until firm, about 30 minutes. Be careful not to over bake. Cool.

ICING

- For the icing heat half cup water and carob powder in a saucepan 5 minutes or until thick.
- Remove from heat. Add and cream together the rest of the ingredients (quarter cup water, date butter, peanut butter, vanilla and salt).
- Frost brownies and chill. Cut into squares and serve.
- For a milder peanut butter flavor, use ¼ C peanut butter and ¼ C powdered soy milk.

by Virginia Markwell

I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists
and the fallen churches,
and before the plagues shall be poured out,
ministers and people will be called out from these churches
and will gladly receive the truth...
...the light will shine, and all who are honest
will leave the fallen churches,
and take their stand with the remnant. **Early Writings p 261**

Children's Story—*Gossip*

Matthew 12:36,37

“Do you know what I saw?” asked Mary excitedly, when she saw Susan.

“No, what?” replied Susan.

“I saw pastor Bill going into the theater with his son this afternoon. I don't know what was playing but I don't think it was good.”

“What? Are you serious?” exclaimed Susan. “I can't believe that pastor Bill would go to the theater and take his son too! Just wait till I tell mother.”

When Susan got home she called, “Mom. Do you know what Mary said? She said that pastor Bill took his son to see a movie this afternoon. Can you imagine?”

“You're kidding!” Exclaimed mother in surprise. “I never thought pastor Bill would do a thing like that.”

“Especially after what he said last week about how dangerous movies are.” Said Susan thoughtfully. Then she thought to herself that maybe what he had said about movies wasn't really true after all.

That night at supper the family discussed pastor Bill going to movies when he talked about how bad most movies were for your mind.

“The one he went to certainly wasn't a good one.” stated Susan.

“It's so sad,” said mother. “I thought he was such a good pastor and very sincere too. Doesn't seem like anyone really follows the Lord anymore.”

“True,” said father. “I guess he is what you call a hypocrite.”

Later that evening father called another member of the church and discussed the occurrence with him. This member discussed it with another and by the next Sabbath everyone in the church knew that pastor Bill regularly attended R rated movies with his son. The young people really talked about the situation a lot because they had been disturbed by pastor Bill's talks about the dangers of movies and theater going, but now they thought it couldn't be nearly so bad as he said if he attended them himself. The older persons in the church were wondering what should be done about a pastor who didn't practice what he preached.

The next Sabbath when pastor Bill got up to preach the sermon he began. “I've decided to share some educational, Christian videos with the young people of this church. I had the videos but could not get them to play on our equipment here because they are formatted wrong. The best man in town at reformatting videos is the theater owner, so I went to his office in the theater to ask him to do it for me. He agreed to do one of them and showed my son how to do it for the rest of them. I apologize for taking my son into the theater to see this man as it really gave the wrong impression to the church. I do not attend movies or make it a practice to take my son to them and I should have asked the man to come to my office rather than going to his. It says in the Bible that we should avoid even the appearance of evil, and I failed to avoid that appearance.”

Jane got on the train and took her seat. The car was crowded with passengers and every time the train stopped it seemed like more passengers got on than got off.

After several stops, a well dressed woman took the empty seat beside Jane. Jane smiled pleasantly and they said hello. The woman was a complete stranger and so the two didn't say very much to each other.

Jane was absorbed in watching the scenery go by outside and thinking about the school where she would be teaching in the fall. She had just gotten her teaching certificate and had been offered a job for the coming year. Not everyone who had just gotten their certificate was offered a job so soon and she was excited about it.

She hardly noticed when the woman called the porter and asked for a drink. When the porter brought a bottle of beer, the woman took it and turning to Jane said. “Here, please hold this while I get my money out of my purse.”

Jane took the bottle reluctantly and looked at it with distaste. She didn't know anyone would want to drink the stuff. She was glad when the woman finished paying the porter and took the bottle back.

Jane got off the train at the next stop and forgot the incident. But someone who

knew her had passed in the isle while she was holding that bottle and soon everyone it seemed had heard that Jane was seen drinking beer on the train. She was embarrassed and horrified when she heard the story but was heartbroken when she received a letter from the school where she was going to teach. The letter informed her that they had decided not to hire her because they couldn't have someone with a reputation of drinking alcohol teaching their children.

A wise man once said “No man is my friend who will either permit my name to be rudely handled in his presence, or so handle it himself: and if he repeats gossip while disbelieving it himself, then he is ten times my enemy.”

“They say”— ah, well, suppose they do:
But can they prove the story true?
Suspicion may arise from naught
But malice, envy, want of thought;
Why count yourself among the “they”
Who whisper what they dare not say?

“They say”— but why the tale rehearse,
And help to make the matter worse?
No good can possibly accrue
From telling what may be untrue;
And is it not a nobler plan
To speak of all the best we can?

“They say”— well, if it should be so,
Why need you tell the tale of woe?
Will it the bitter wrong redress,
Or make one pang of sorrow less?
Will it the erring one restore,
Henceforth to go and sin no more?

“They say”— oh, pause and look within;
See how your heart inclines to sin.
Watch! Lest in dark temptation's hour
You too should sink beneath it's power.
Pity the frail — weep o'er their fall;
But speak of good or not at all.

Poem by Benton P. Stebbins
Stories Adapted from “Treasury of Devotional Aids for the Home and School”
Virginia Markwell

The spirit of gossip and talebearing is one of Satan's special agencies to sow discord and strife, to separate friends, and to undermine the faith of many in the truthfulness of our positions.

Order and Organization

Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, October 12, 1905

Our God is a God of order. Everything connected with heaven is in perfect order; subjection and thorough discipline mark the movements of the angelic host.

The Jewish Economy. During the days of Moses, the government of Israel was characterized by the most thorough organization, wonderful alike for its completeness and its simplicity. The order so strikingly displayed in the perfection and arrangement of all God's created works was manifest in the Hebrew economy. God was the center of authority and government, the sovereign of Israel. Moses stood as their visible leader, by God's appointment, to administer the laws in his name. From the elders of the tribes a council of seventy was afterward chosen to assist Moses in the general affairs of the nation. Next came the priests, who consulted the Lord in the sanctuary. Chiefs, or princes, ruled over the tribes. Under these were "captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens;"¹ and, lastly, officers who might be employed for special duties.

Reorganization at the Beginning of Solomon's Reign. In planning for the administration of the affairs of the kingdom, after David abdicated in favor of Solomon, the aged king and his son and their counselors regarded it as essential that everything be done with regularity, propriety, fidelity, and dispatch. So far as possible, they followed the system of organization given Israel soon after the deliverance from Egypt. The Levites were assigned the work connected with the temple service, including the ministry of song and instrumental music, and the keeping of the treasures.

The men capable of bearing arms and of serving the king were divided into twelve courses of twenty-four thousand each. Over every course was a captain. "The general of the king's army was Joab."² "The courses . . . came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year."³ Thus every group of twenty-four thousand served the king one month during each year.

David appointed Jonathan, his uncle, as "a counselor, a wise man, and a scribe;"⁴ Ahithophel also was "the king's counselor⁵. . . . And after Ahithophel was Johoiada . . . and Abiathar."⁶ Hushai was "the king's friend."⁷ By his prudent example, the aged king taught Solomon that "in the multitude of counselors there is safety."⁸

The thoroughness and completeness of the organization perfected at the beginning of Solomon's reign; the comprehensiveness of the plans for bringing the largest number possible of all the people into active service; the wide distribution of responsibility, so that the service of God and of the king should not be unduly burdensome to any individual or class,—these are lessons which all may study with profit, and which the leaders of the Christian church should understand and follow.

This picture of a great and mighty nation living in simplicity and comfort in rural homes, every person rendering willing and unsalaried service to God and the king for a portion of each year, is one from which we may gather many helpful suggestions.

Order in the Christian Church. There was order in the church when Christ was upon the earth, and after his departure, order was strictly observed among his apostles. And now in these last days, while God is bringing his children into the unity of the faith, there is more real need of order than ever before; for, as the Lord unites his people, Satan and his evil angels are very busy to undo this unity and to destroy it.

It is Satan's studied effort to lead professed Christians just as far from heaven's arrangement as he can; therefore he sometimes deceives even the professed people of God, and makes them believe that order and discipline are enemies to spirituality; that the only safety for them is to let each pursue his own course. But if we see no necessity for harmonious action, and are disorderly, undisciplined, and disorganized in our course of action, angels, who are thoroughly organized and move in perfect order, can not work for us successfully. They turn away in grief; for they are not authorized to bless confusion, distraction, and disorganization.

All who desire the co-operation of the heavenly messengers, must work in unison with them. Those who have the unction from on high, will in all their efforts encourage order, discipline, and unity of action, and then the angels of God can co-operate with them. But never, never will these heavenly messengers place their indorsement upon irregularity, disorganization, and disorder. All such evils are the result of Satan's studied effort to weaken our forces, to destroy courage, and to prevent successful action. God desires that his work shall be done with system and exactness, in order that he may place upon it the seal of his approval.

The Result of Organized Effort. It is nearly half a century since order and organization were established among us as a people. I was one of the number who had an experience in laboring for their establishment. I know of the difficulties that had to be met, the evils that organization was designed to correct, and I have watched its influence in connection with the growth of the cause. At an early stage in the work, God gave us special light upon this point; and this light, together with the lessons that experience has taught us, should be carefully considered.

From the first our work was aggressive. Our numbers were few, and mostly from the poorer classes. Our views were almost unknown to the world. We had no houses of worship, but few publications, and very limited facilities for carrying forward our work. The sheep were scattered in the highways and byways, in cities, in towns, in forests. The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus was our message.

"Ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many

1. Deut. 1:15

2. 1 Chron. 27:34

3. 1 Chron. 27:1

4. 1 Chron. 27:32

5. 1 Chron. 27:33

6. 1 Chron. 27:34

7. 1 Chron. 27:33

8. Pro. 11:14; 24:6

wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are: that no flesh shall glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.”⁹

9. 1 Cor. 1:26-31

Our numbers gradually increased. The seed that was sown was watered of God, and he gave the increase. At first we assembled for worship, and presented the truth to those who would come to hear, in private houses, in large kitchens, in barns, in groves, and in schoolhouses; but it was not long before we were able to build humble houses of worship. As our numbers increased, it was evident that without some form of organization, there would be great confusion, and the work could not be carried forward successfully. To provide for the support of the ministry, for carrying the work in new fields, for protecting both the churches and the ministry from unworthy members, for holding church property, for the publication of the truth through the press, and for many other objects, organization was indispensable.

Yet the feeling against organization was very strong among our people. The Adventists generally, who had withdrawn from the churches of the various denominations under the call of the second angel's message to come out of Babylon, opposed organization, and many Seventh-day Adventists were fearful that church organization would bring us under condemnation. We sought the Lord with earnest prayer that we might understand his will, and light was given to us by his Spirit, that there must be order and thorough discipline in the church,—that organization was essential. System and order are manifest in all the works of God throughout the universe. Order is the law of heaven, and it should be the law among God's people on the earth.

We had a hard struggle in establishing organization. Notwithstanding that the Lord gave Testimony after Testimony upon this point, the opposition was strong, and it had to be met again and again. But we knew that the Lord God of Israel was leading us, and guiding us by his providence. We engaged in the work of organization, and marked prosperity attended this advance movement.

As the development of the work called us to engage in new enterprises, we were prepared to enter upon them. The Lord directed our minds to the importance of educational work. We saw the need of schools, that our children might receive instruction free from the errors of false philosophy, that their training might be in harmony with the principles of the Word of God. The need of a health institution had been urged upon us, both for the help and instruction of our own people and as a means of blessing and enlightenment to others. This enterprise also was carried forward. All this was missionary work of the highest order. Our work was not sustained by large gifts and legacies;

for we have few wealthy men among us.

Our work has steadily advanced. What is the secret of our prosperity?—We have moved under the orders of the Captain of our salvation. God has blessed our united efforts. The truth has spread and flourished. Institutions have multiplied. The mustard seed has grown to a great tree. The system of organization has proved a grand success. Systematic benevolence was entered into according to the Bible plan. The body has been “compacted by that which every joint supplieth.”¹⁰ As we have advanced, our system of organization has still proved effectual.

10. Eph. 4:16

In some parts of the work, it is true, the machinery has been made too complicated; especially has this been the case in former years in the tract and missionary work; the multiplication of rules and regulations made it needlessly burdensome. An effort has been made to simplify the work, so as to avoid all needless labor and perplexity.

The business of our conference session has sometimes been burdened with propositions and resolutions that were not at all essential, and that would never have been presented if the sons and daughters of God had been walking carefully and prayerfully before him. The fewer rules and regulations that we can have, the better will be the effect in the end. When they are made, let them be carefully considered, and, if wise, let it be seen that they mean something, and are not to become a dead letter. Do not, however, encumber any branch of the work with unnecessary, burdensome restrictions and inventions of men. In this period of the world's history, with the vast work that is before us, we need to observe the greatest simplicity, and the work will be stronger for its simplicity.

Let none entertain the thought, however, that we can dispense with organization. It has cost us much study, and many prayers for wisdom that we know God has answered, to erect this structure. It has been built up by his direction, through much sacrifice and conflict. Let none of our brethren be so deceived as to attempt to tear it down, for you will thus bring in a condition of things that you do not dream of. In the name of the Lord, I declare to you that it is to stand, strengthened, established, and settled. At God's command, “Go forward,”¹¹ we advanced when the difficulties to be surmounted made the advance seem impossible. We know how much it has cost to work out God's plans in the past, which has made us as a people what we are. Then let every one be exceedingly careful not to unsettle minds in regard to those things that God has ordained for our prosperity and success in advancing his cause.

11. Ex. 14:15,16

The work is soon to close. The members of the church militant who have proved faithful will become the church triumphant. In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history.

Mrs. E.G. White

Health Nugget—Oils

Hydrogenated oils

Unsaturated vegetable fats and oils can be transformed through partial or complete hydrogenation into fats and oils of higher melting point. The hydrogenation process involves “sparging” the oil at high temperature and pressure with hydrogen in the presence of a catalyst, typically a powdered nickel compound. As each double-bond is broken, two hydrogen atoms each form single bonds with the two carbon atoms. The elimination of double-bonds by adding hydrogen atoms is called saturation; as the degree of saturation increases, the oil progresses towards being fully hydrogenated. An oil may be hydrogenated to increase resistance to rancidity (oxidation) or to change its physical characteristics. As the degree of saturation increases, the oil’s viscosity and melting point increase.

The use of hydrogenated oils in foods has never been completely satisfactory. Because the center arm of the triglyceride is shielded somewhat by the end fatty acids, most of the hydrogenation occurs on the end fatty acids. This makes the resulting fat more brittle. A margarine made from naturally more saturated oils will be more plastic (more “spreadable”) than a margarine made from, say, hydrogenated soy oil. In addition, partial hydrogenation results in the formation of large amounts of trans fats in the oil mixture, which, since the 1970s, have increasingly been viewed as unhealthy.

(In the U.S., the USDA Standard of Identity for a product labeled as vegetable oil margarine specifies that only canola, safflower, sunflower, corn, soybean, or peanut oil may be used. Products not labeled vegetable oil margarine do not have that restriction.)

Extraction

The “modern” way of processing vegetable oil is by chemical extraction, using solvent extracts, which produces higher yields and is quicker and less expensive. The most common solvent is petroleum-derived hexane. This technique is used for most of the “newer” industrial oils such as soybean and corn oils.

Another way is physical extraction, which does not use solvent extracts. It is made the “traditional” way using several different types of mechanical extraction. This method is typically used to produce the more traditional oils (e.g., olive), and it is preferred by most “health-food” customers in the USA and in Europe. Ex-

puller-pressed extraction is one type, and there are two other types that are both oil presses: the screw press and the ram press. Oil seed presses are commonly used in developing countries, among people for whom other extraction methods would be prohibitively expensive.

Supercritical carbon dioxide can also be used for the extraction purpose and is non toxic.

Production

Crude oil, straight from the crushing operation, is not considered edible in the case of most oilseeds. The same is true for the remaining meal. For instance, animals fed raw soy meal will waste away, even though soy meal is high in protein. Researchers at Central Soya discovered that a trypsin inhibitor in soybeans could be deactivated by toasting the meal, and both licensed their invention, and sold soy meal augmented with vitamins and minerals as MasterMix, a product for farmers to mix with their own grain to produce a high quality feed.

The processing of soy oil is typical of that used with most vegetable oils. Crude soy oil is first mixed with caustic soda. Saponification turns triglycerides into soap. The soap is removed with a centrifuge. Neutralized dry soap stock (NDSS) is typically used in animal feed, more to get rid of it than because it is particularly nourishing. The remaining oil is deodorized by heating under a near-perfect vacuum and sparged with water. The condensate is further processed to become vitamin E food supplement, while the oil can be sold to manufacturers and consumers at this point.

Some of the oil is further processed. By carefully filtering the oil at near-freezing temperatures, “winter oil” is produced. This oil is sold to manufacturers of salad dressings, so that the dressings do not turn cloudy when refrigerated.

The oil may be partially hydrogenated to produce various ingredient oils. Lightly hydrogenated oils have very similar physical characteristics to regular soy oil, but are more resistant to becoming rancid.

Margarine oils need to be mostly solid at 32 °C (90 °F) so that the margarine does not melt in warm rooms, yet it needs to be completely liquid at 37 °C (98 °F), so that it doesn’t leave a “lardy” taste in the mouth.

Another major use of soy oil is for fry oils. These oils require substantial hydrogenation to keep the polyunsaturates of

soy oil from becoming rancid.

Hardening vegetable oil is done by raising a blend of vegetable oil and a catalyst in near-vacuum to very high temperatures, and introducing hydrogen. This causes the carbon atoms of the oil to break double-bonds with other carbons, each carbon forming a new single-bond with a hydrogen atom. Adding these hydrogen atoms to the oil makes it more solid, raises the smoke point, and makes the oil more stable.

Hydrogenated vegetable oils differ in two major ways from other oils which are equally saturated. During hydrogenation, it is easier for hydrogen to come into contact with the fatty acids on the end of the triglyceride, and less easy for them to come into contact with the center fatty acid. This makes the resulting fat more brittle than a tropical oil; soy margarines are less “spreadable”. The other difference is that trans fatty acids (often called trans fat) are formed in the hydrogenation reactor, and may amount to as much as 40 percent by weight of a partially hydrogenated oil. Trans acids are increasingly thought to be unhealthy.

Sparging

In the processing of edible oils, the oil is heated under vacuum to near the smoke point, and water is introduced at the bottom of the oil. The water immediately is converted to steam, which bubbles through the oil, carrying with it any chemicals which are water-soluble. The steam sparging removes impurities that can impart unwanted flavors and odors to the oil.

Particular oils

For a more comprehensive list, see: <http://www.answers.com/topic/list-of-vegetable-oils>.

The following triglyceride vegetable oils account for almost all world-wide production, by volume. All are used as both cooking oils and as SVO or to make biodiesel. According to the USDA, the total world consumption of major vegetable oils in 2007/08 was:

- ◆ **Palm** — 41.31 Million tons world consumption rate. The most widely produced tropical oil. Also used to make biofuel.
- ◆ **Soybean** — 37.54 million tons world consumption rate. Accounts for about half of worldwide edible oil production.
- ◆ **Rapeseed** — 18.24 million tons world consumption rate. One of the most widely used cooking oils, Canola is a (trademarked) variety (cultivar) of

rapeseed.

- ◆ **Sunflower Seed** — 9.91 million tons world consumption rate. A common cooking oil, also used to make biodiesel.
- ◆ **Cottonseed** — 4.99 million tons world consumption rate. A major food oil, often used in industrial food processing.
- ◆ **Palm Kernel** — 4.85 tons world consumption rate. From the seed of the African palm tree.
- ◆ **Peanut** — 4.82 million tons world consumption rate. Mild-flavored cooking oil.
- ◆ **Coconut** — 3.48 tons world consumption rate.

tion rate.

- ◆ **Olive** — 2.84 tons world consumption rate. Used in cooking, cosmetics, soaps and as a fuel for traditional oil lamps.

Note that these figures include industrial and animal feed use. The majority of European rapeseed oil production is used to produce biodiesel, or used directly as fuel in diesel cars which may require modification to heat the oil to reduce its higher viscosity. The suitability of the fuel should come as little surprise, as Rudolf Diesel originally designed his engine to run on peanut oil.

Other significant triglyceride oils in-

clude:

- **Corn oil**, one of the most common, and inexpensive cooking oils.
- **Grape seed oil**, used in cooking and cosmetics.
- **Hazelnut** and other **nut** oils.
- **Linseed oil**, from **flax** seeds.
- **Rice bran oil**, from **rice** grains.
- **Safflower oil**, a flavorless and colorless cooking oil.
- **Sesame oil**, used as a cooking oil, and as a massage oil, particularly in India.

Jean Johnson

MISSION REPORT—*Africa*

ZAMBIA

February 11, 2010

JOHN 17

Dearest brethren,

May the grace of the almighty God be with you all and with your separated home churches. The great God is so wonderful, He has made it possible that we are living even today. Some of us have been in this message for the past 12 years now and are still going on in the same light. What a great privilege the Lord has given us to be called His workers in the last days. How wonderful that we should embrace this opportunity of working hand in hand with our loving Saviour.

As united brethren, I have a strong feeling that we should continue in the unity we started with, according to John 17. Through this the world will know that king Jesus is the Saviour and it will be a mighty sermon to many. The time is running out so fast that the more we are united the bigger the field we shall cover in spreading the message. Many of our neighbors are dying without receiving the truth which we have. When the angels look for the people with the truth who are near the deceased, they see us, and these cases are written against our names in the books. We are listed as unfaithful workers. One lesson we have learned through the years is that “a prophet has no honor in his own land.” So how do we witness to these neighbors? It is through distributing materials and mainly by our co-workers visiting each other and introducing them to these families, this works well.

Therefore, it is high time that we plan for a united brethren seminar in a country that will be suggested by us all. The year 2006 was the beginning of this great work.

It is now four years and we seem to be disunited I have noticed that since then others have not communicated with each other and our love for each other is growing cold. How then shall we do that which is acceptable in His sight if we do not unify as the disciples did before receiving the spirit? We are waiting for or receiving the latter-rain now and for us to receive it we need to be united and work together regardless of where we are. It has come to my attention that we have lost our first love of unity. If you remember there was a book written by brethren in the USA, which was distributed by brother Jim Snipes titled “UNITED BRETHERN.” This book came out at the very time when we needed unity. We started working towards it. 2006 was the year when brethren from 8 countries met in Zambia. The Lord allowed us to gather for 10 days and brought loving unity and the formation of SDR churches. It brought disunity to others. Let us look at what happened to the early workers.

“In these first disciples was presented marked diversity. They were to be the world’s teachers, and they represented widely varied types of character. In order successfully to carry forward the work to which they had been called, these men, differing in natural characteristics and in habits of life, needed to come into unity of feeling, thought, and action. This unity it was Christ’s object to secure. To this end He sought to bring them into unity with Himself. The burden of His labor for them is expressed in His prayer to His Father, ‘That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us;’ ‘that the world may know that Thou has sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me.’ John

17:21, 23. His constant prayer for them was that they might be sanctified through the truth; and He prayed with assurance, knowing that an Almighty decree had been given before the world was made. He knew that the gospel of the kingdom would be preached to all nations for a witness; He knew that truth armed with the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit, would conquer in the battle with evil, and that the bloodstained banner would one day wave triumphantly over His followers.”—Acts of the Apostles page 20.

“You have not received that education which it is the will of God that you should have. You have not been depending upon the Bread of Life which came down from heaven. Had you studied the word of God diligently, you would have been convinced that unity, and harmonious action are always to be preserved if one would advance in grace and the knowledge of the truth. Could your understanding have been with an eye single to the glory of God, your own selfish ideas would have been dispelled and your eyes would have been opened to the secrets of the great spiritual agencies in the church. Your drawing apart—one small church from another small church—has grieved the Holy Spirit of God. For years the plan of Heaven has not been met, and time has weakened the influence of the message. The commission to you who have come to a knowledge of the binding claims of the law of God, is that you are now to reach a higher standard than that which has hitherto been reached.”—Atlantic Union Gleaner, January 8, 1902.

Brethren I pray that the great Lord will give inspiration to your hearts. That we can find a time this year to meet somewhere as united brethren (UB), especially

all the ministers and elders.

Finally I would love to say thank you for all your prayers regarding the registration of our SDR CZ (Seventh Day Remnant Church of Zambia). We just received the certificate two weeks ago after much struggling. SDRPA Treasurer Brother Jim Snipes helped us in corresponding with the registrar here, and with the board of the SDRPA of the USA. Thank you for all

the great contributions you made. May the grace of God be with you all.

My request to the brethren is that we plan for another leader's camp meeting in a country which we shall all agree on.

May the grace of God be with you all as we labor in the last days.

Your brother in faith,

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Perfect order characterizes all the movements
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Signs of the Times, July 29, 1880