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The Seal of God

Part 2

By the Editor

We now come to the question of the seal of God. As shown previous the angels of Revelation 7 and the third angel of Revelation 14 are the same. In Revelation 7 the angel is shown bringing the message of the seal of God to the world and in Revelation 14 he warns the world to not receive the mark of the beast. The word seal basically means mark, although it is a specific type of mark. So this angel is telling the world about God’s mark and also warning the world not to receive Satan’s mark.

We can see from this that the seal of God and the mark of the beast are very interwoven together, just before Christ comes we see two marks, one, the mark of the beast and the other, the seal of God or mark of God. Either you have the mark of the beast or you have the seal of God. So it is very important to know what the mark of the beast is and what the seal of God is.

So first, what is a seal specifically? “Seals are used primarily to authenticate documents, specifically those which carry some legal import.” Seal (emblem) – Wikipedia. “Something that confirms, ratifies, or makes secure.” Merriam Webster dictionary. “An embossed emblem, figure, symbol, word, letter, etc., used as attestation or evidence of authenticity.” Dictionary.com. From this we can get an idea of what the word seal means, though there are many meanings to the word, such as the animal and sealing to prevent licks, in this context the definition above given is the only one that makes since, that is the seal that marks authenticity or ownership, in this case people, we are *God’s* people, the *true* God.

So then what is His mark of ownership? Well it needs to be something that would set His people apart from others, including from false Christians, we do not believe it to be a literal mark on our body, for this prophecy is symbolic, also with reference to the mark of the beast, it could be forced upon you if it was a literal mark. But we believe it to be an outward act, that sets them apart. “By their fruits ye shall know them.” Matthew 7:20. The expression “in their foreheads” indicating that they believe what they teach, whereas with those that have the mark of the beast they have it in their hand or forehead, the ones with it in their foreheads believing in the corrupt system and those with it in their hands just going along with it out of fear of death. So

what would be this outward act on the part of the people of God? From the above definition we gave of a seal, we see that seals are usually used with relation to law or some sort of command, to authenticate the command, with seals from olden times containing the name of the person or power giving the command, his or their right to rule, and the territory over which they ruled. So since seals are usually used to authenticate who gave a command, it makes sense for us to start looking for God’s seal in one of His laws that He has given. And the place we are most likely to find His seal, is on mount Sinai, when He gave the ten commandments to His people, God’s ten most important commands, that, in a way, incorporate everything else, His ten grand principles.

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Now we find something very interesting if we look for God’s seal in the ten commandments, which commandments the Bible teaches are still binding. Here we do indeed find a seal and where many people would not expect, we find it in the fourth commandment. “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.” Here we find the requirements of a seal, His name, “the LORD thy God,” (in the translation of our Bible, LORD was put in the place of *Jehovah*, which was the original Hebrew word (or at least close to the original Hebrew word), *Jehovah* is actually God’s name.) His right to rule, “the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is,” and the territory over which He rules, “Heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is.” By saying that He made these things, also meaning that He rules these things.

Uriah Smith says. "...They have the name of the Lamb's Father in their foreheads. In chapter 7, they are said to have the seal of God in their foreheads. An important key to an understanding of the seal of God is thus furnished us; for we at once perceive that the Father regards His name as His seal. That commandment of the law which contains God's name is therefore the seal of the law. The Sabbath commandment is the only one which has this; that is, that contains the descriptive title which distinguishes the true God from all false gods. Wherever this was placed, there the Father's name was said to be. (Deut. 12:5,14,18,21; 14:23; 16:2,6; etc.); and whoever keeps this commandment has, consequently, the seal of the living God." Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation, by Uriah Smith, page 630.

We find that the Sabbath is the seal of God used here, the seal of the ten commandments. Which commandments we all need to keep. Some may argue that the Sabbath was just what God used here as His seal and that it only applies to the children of Israel. But this cannot be correct. This is the only place in the Bible where God gave His ten commandments all at once and in such grandeur that it could never be forgotten. He gave it in front of over two million people, His people, at the time most of God's people that were left were in the children of Israel, so by giving it in front of the children of Israel, it was like giving it in front of His people, all His people throughout all ages. God intended this occurrence to be remembered throughout history, as a record to all humanity of His ten great commands, that He wants everyone to obey. And those who do not obey, will have no excuse for not, for He gave them in such a way that they could never be forgotten.

God gave these ten commands for everyone and therefore He would have used *His* seal, His one and only universal seal. He would not have used some lesser seal since these commands were His ten grand principles for humanity. As discussed previously about the 144,000, we as Christians are also now counted as the children of Israel, "they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham." Galatians 3:7. We are all part of one big family and a more accurate name instead of us being all called the children of Israel or the children of Abraham. Would be, the children of God, we are all God's children and God does not give a set of rules for this group of children and a different set for that group of His children. No, God is no respecter of persons, in His eyes "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Galatians 3:28–29. Therefore the ten commandments including the Sabbath, apply to everyone, all of God's children.

As we can see, the Sabbath is what God uses as His seal here and since the ten commandments were His ten grand principles for humanity, the Sabbath cannot be some lesser seal, but His very seal. So keeping the Sabbath is to have the seal or mark of God and is not this true? Keeping the

Sabbath as a Christian is indeed a mark of distinction from the world. And it only makes sense for the Sabbath to be the seal of God. What is God's greatest right to rule? The fact that He made us and everything else and what is the Sabbath a reminder of and a sign of? The fact that God made us and so by keeping the Sabbath you show the world that you believe He made it. Therefore keeping the Sabbath is the very height of Creationism.

But the Sabbath is not only the seal of God, but the seal of the law. The very commandment which so many Christians today refuse to keep, the commandment they break every week, is the seal of that law the rest of which they try to keep. They therefore break the seal of God, which would be to any earthly ruler a great offense, but how much more to the God of the universe! No wonder Satan has targeted the Sabbath, it not only reminds us every week who has made us, which would have made it more difficult to get his theory of Evolution started. But it also is the very seal of that law that he hates so much.

Seal, mark, and sign are synonymous terms in the Bible. "Now the Lord expressly says that the Sabbath is a sign between Him and His people. '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.' Ex.31:13. The same fact is again stated by the prophet Ezekiel, chapter 20:12,20. Here the Lord told His people that the very object of their keeping the Sabbath, that is, observing the fourth commandment, was that they might know that He was the true God. This is the same as if the Lord had said, 'The Sabbath is a seal. On my part it is the seal of my authority, the sign that I have the right to command obedience; on your part it is a token that you take me to be your God.' Should it be said that this principle can have no application to Christians at the present time, as the Sabbath was a sign between God and the Jews only, it would be sufficient to reply that the terms Jew and Israel, in a true Scriptural sense, are not confined to the literal seed of Abraham." Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation, by Uriah Smith, pages 463–464.

He says it is a sign between Me and the Children of Israel forever, but the reason He says this, is because they are who He is talking to at the moment. The children of Israel were God's people at that time, so by saying that it is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever, is basically saying it is sign between Me and My people forever, everyone, Jew or Christian.

But the Bible also says in Isaiah 8:16. "Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples." This prophecy is a prophecy of Christ, the law mentioned here must be the ten commandments for the ceremonial law *was done away* at the Cross. This verse shows that Christ did not do away with the ten commandments, which the Sabbath as shown above is the very seal of. Christ came and died for us so that we could be perfect through faith in Him and so that He could forgive us of our previous and any future faults. Christ came

that through faith in Him we could keep the law perfectly, He writes it on our hearts. He came to show us the right way, to seal the law amongst us, and the height of keeping that law perfectly, the seal of that law, is the Sabbath.

Christ spent much time teaching His disciples how to keep the law and how to properly keep the Sabbath. Christ told His disciples to love one another and their neighbors, this is the point of the law, love, love to God and to our fellowman. Christ also taught His disciples how to properly keep the Sabbath, in the corn field, the healing at the synagogue, and other such instances. Many people think He was showing that we can now disregard the Sabbath, but this is not what He was doing. He never in any one of these instances disregarded the Sabbath, He only disregarded the Rabbi's rules on the Sabbath, not God's. By these acts, Christ taught that the Sabbath was a day of love, He taught His disciples how to properly keep that day. By love to God in keeping what He has commanded, "if ye love me, keep my commandments," and love to our fellowman, by doing good deeds on that day.

Then prophecy shows us that we should keep the commandments, for as we can see this prophecy shows that Christ, far from doing away with the ten commandments, instead showed His disciples more fully how to keep them. So that they could show others how they should keep them, that through faith in Christ, Jew or Gentile could become perfect even as Christ was perfect.

We have now found the seal of God, the Sabbath, the commandment so many Christians disregard. No wonder it is a mark of distinction. The objection may be raised that this would mean anyone who keeps the Sabbath, like the Jews, would have the seal of God. This is a good question, but let us consider this, can anyone keep the law without Christ? Can anyone keep the law who is not a truly converted Christian who is doing his best to follow Christ? No, no one can keep the law without faith in Christ. There are two things you need to do to keep the Sabbath, one is to literally keep it, the other is to also keep it spiritually, without faith in Christ you cannot keep it spiritually. In a way it's like this, the seal of God is the Sabbath and the seal of Christ is redemption, you can't have one without the other, you need both to be saved. This does not mean that those who haven't kept the Sabbath in the past will be lost, those who believed in Christ and yet never received light on the Sabbath will be saved, they still believed that God created them and they were trying to follow Christ to the best of their ability. But when the light comes on the Sabbath, those who reject it in a way reject creation itself, and are no longer following Christ, they have rejected His Father's seal. It's like if someone accepting Christ and knowing that Christ would have them not steal, continued do so. They have then left Christ and they shall be given up to strong delusion.

It may also be asked if there could be something else in the Bible that could count as the seal of God? Like maybe believing in creation, or maybe faith in Christ or something

else? First, faith in Christ cannot be the seal of God, for this would be in a way, the seal of Christ and not the seal of God, which is what we are looking for. Also the seal of God must have existed before the fall of man, it must have been set up at the creation of the first being, for it to be God's universal seal. We do not just believe that the Sabbath is God's seal to this earth merely, but His seal to the universe. Whether or not we keep it at the same time it matters not, but we all keep it on the seventh part *of our* creation time. For even on this planet we do not keep the Sabbath at the exact same time, for the sun does not set at the same time all around the world. But we all keep it from sunset to sunset.

"And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: (testament meaning the ten commandments)." Revelation 11:19. This must be the true ark, the ark that the earthly ark of the testament was based on, "look that thou make them after their pattern, which was showed thee in the mount." The ark on earth represented God's throne and it is a remarkable fact that the ten commandments were placed inside of it, hence this is why it is called the ark of the testament. Whereas the ceremonial law, the law Christ actually did away with, was put on the outside back of the ark. This shows along with the fact that the ark here was a representation of God's throne in heaven, and that John saw an ark there, show that the ten commandments are at the very foundation of God's government. Showing that the law and the Sabbath, hence the seal of God, apply to every being in the universe.

But would believing in creation count as the seal of God? The seal of God cannot be this either, for the Sabbath itself is God's token of creation. The Sabbath and creation are intimately interwoven, God rested on it from creation and hollowed it in remembrance of Creation. Therefore by keeping it you are acknowledging that God made you and this earth. Keeping the Sabbath is the height of creationism, by keeping it you show to those around you, that you believe in creation, Otherwise how else will people know you believe in creation, unless of course you were to directly tell them. The Sabbath is therefore *a mark of distinction* from the rest of the world who don't believe in creation, and *the seal of God*.

But could it be something else? Again, it cannot be, for the seal of God's universal law must be His seal and as we have seen, the seal of God's universal law is the Sabbath. God's universal right to rule is the fact that He created it and God's mark of creation is the Sabbath. Therefore nothing else can be the seal of God. Let us therefore step fast lest we fail to keep God's commands, let us let the "holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption," seal us with the Sabbath. The Sabbath is the seal and He is the sealer, by His constant strivings and reproofs He helps us correct every fault. He shows us how to keep the Sabbath perfectly, He seals the Sabbath in our foreheads and hearts.

The seal of God is one of the most important topics, as we near Christ's return, either you have the seal of God and are

part of the 144,000, or you have the mark of the beast and are part of Satan's confederacy. This is not just about what day you're going to keep. No, the seal of God and the mark of the beast go much deeper than this, the Sabbath is just the center piece in the seal of God and Sunday is just the center piece in the mark of the beast (we will be discussing why Sunday is the mark of the beast in the next section). The true point is this, when the enemy shall come in like a flood, are you going to stay with God and worship Him and keep His Sabbath? Or are you going to submit to this Satanic confederacy and give up God's holy Sabbath for Satan's counterfeit and worship Satan? Who will you obey? This will be the great and final test of all God's true followers. Who will you worship?

Comments on Galatians 3. No. 5

The Signs of the Times 12, 30.
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By E. J. Waggoner

In last week's article, texts were quoted to show that the expression, "till the seed should come to whom the promise was made" (verse 19), has reference to the second coming of Christ. This is an important point, and we wish to have it well fixed in the mind of the reader. We therefore present a few more thoughts in the same line of argument. Let us first read the eighteenth and nineteenth verses in connection:—

"For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise. Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added [spoken] because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made."

There can be no question but that the "promise" referred to in verse 19 is the same as that mentioned in verse 18. And what is that promise? It is the promise of "the inheritance." What inheritance was promised to Abraham? In Rom. 4:13 Paul tells us that the promise to Abraham was "that he should be the heir of the world." This promise must be the same as that discussed in the third chapter of Galatians, because, (1) only one inheritance was promised to Abraham, and (2) the same means of securing the inheritance is given, both in Romans and in Galatians. Compare the two texts: "For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if they which are of

the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect." Rom. 4:13, 14. "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made... And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise." Gal. 3:16–18. That the thought in these two texts is identical, there can be no shadow of doubt. It therefore needs no further argument to show that the "promise" is the promise of "the inheritance," and that "the inheritance" is the whole earth, which God gives to Christ, the seed (Ps. 2:7, 8), and to all who, by faith in Christ, become children of faithful Abraham (Gal. 3:7, 29). And this is at the second coming of Christ.

The next point to be emphasized is that in speaking of the seed, "the inheritance" is in the mind of the apostle. His argument, in outline, is this: The inheritance is given solely on account of faith. To the objection that this makes void the law, he replies that the law was spoken (made more plain) to serve an important purpose in connection with faith, and that it will continue to fill this office until the seed shall come to whom the promise was made, and through whom alone the inheritance can be obtained. The coming of the seed brings the fulfillment of the promise, and, of course, the end of faith. 1 Peter 1:9.

And when will this take place? For answer, note two texts that have been previously quoted. Through the prophet, Ezekiel the Lord says of the dominion of this earth: "I will overturn, overturn, overturn it; and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him." Eze. 21:27. And that this refers to the second coming of Christ, He Himself showed when He said: "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory; and before him shall be gathered all nations... Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Matt. 23:31–34.

From the foregoing we think that there can be no doubt in any mind that the apostle has reference in verse 19 to the second coming of Christ. This will appear even more plainly as we develop the argument which he bases on this point. The next thing for consideration will be the relation which the law sustains to the promise and its fulfillment. This is the objective point of the whole argument; but since the limits of this article will not allow the matter to be presented in such shape that it could well be left for a week, we shall defer a discussion of that question until the next number. W.

Comments on Galatians 3. No. 6

The Signs of the Times 12, 31.
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We now know from the foregoing question, that the answer to the question, "Of what use, then, is the law?" may justly be paraphrased thus: "It was spoken in order that all sin might be perfectly well known to be sin, until the coming of Christ should bring the fulfillment of the promise." And now before the reader hastily jumps to the conclusion that this implies the doing away of the law at the second coming of Christ, let him carefully note the following points:—

1. The law existed in its fullness before it was "spoken" from Sinai. This has been amply demonstrated. It is the foundation of God's throne, and was in existence from the beginning of God's Government. The giving of it from Sinai added no feature that had not existed for ages.

2. It was spoken from Sinai for a special purpose. That purpose, as stated by Paul in Rom. 5:20, was that sin might be made to appear more plainly than it did before. God hated sin just as much before that time as He did afterward. And there were men who understood fully the nature of sin, and that God required "truth in the inward parts;" but the mass of mankind had wandered so far from God that He could not communicate with them as He did with Adam, Enoch, Noah, and such ones; and the only way that they could constantly know His will was to have it in writing. By the law in written form, they could always know God's will, just as well as if they could converse with Him; for the law is a likeness of His character.

3. The making of sin to abound by the entering of the law, was necessary to the fulfillment of the promise. The inheritance can be given to none but the righteous; there must be no spot in those who inherit the earth. Matt. 5:5, 8. It is true that righteousness can be obtained only through Christ, but sins must be confessed before they can be pardoned, and that cannot be done till sin is known. If the law had not been "spoken," perfect knowledge of sin could not have been had. The inheritance was not promised through the law, but through faith; but this, instead of making the law unnecessary, called for the clearest statement thereof. The law points out sin; the knowledge of his sinful condition drives the sinner to Christ as the only source of help; Christ imputes to the repentant sinner His own righteousness, which is the righteousness of God, and enables him to live up to the requirements of the law, thus making him "meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light."

4. When Christ comes, this design will have been accomplished. Under the second covenant the law will have been written in the hearts (see Jer. 31:33) of all who have desired the better country, and thus they will "all be righteous," and fit to "inherit the land forever." Isa. 60:21. They will be righteous because the law is written in their hearts. They will then be as pure as was Adam when he was first created, with this advantage, that their characters will have been fully tested. When that time comes, the prophet says: "And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord." Jer. 31:34. It will not be necessary for them to teach one another, (1) because the law will be written in their hearts, and (2) because they can go direct to the great Fountain of truth. The prophet, speaking of the time when the promise shall be fulfilled, says: "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children." Isa. 54:13.

When "the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them;" when "they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads," there will be no necessity for one man to say to another, "Know the Lord." When men can come in person to that glorious and awful throne of God, whose foundation is the perfect law of God, and can talk face to face with the author of that law, then there will be no need for copies of the ten commandments written in books, or even engraved on rock of man's hewing. The preaching of the gospel will be no more heard, and Bible societies will not be known. The law will have done its work in bringing men to Christ, and thus to perfect obedience to it, and then "They shall all know the Lord," for His law shall be in their hearts, and His name shall be in their foreheads.

5. To say that when that time shall come there will be no less law than there is now, or than there was in the days of Abraham, or of Adam, or before it was spoken from Sinai, is now unnecessary, for all must see it plainly. Indeed, it will then be far better known than it has been at any time since the fall, for men will literally "walk with God," as did Adam and Enoch. This point will be still more fully developed when we consider verses 24 and 25. W.

Comments on Galatians 3. No. 7

The Signs of the Times 12, 32.
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By E. J. Waggoner

"And it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator."
There is probably no man living who can fully comprehend

this passage. We know that when God came down upon Mount Sinai, He was accompanied by ten thousands of His saints (holy ones), Deut. 33:2, and that they must have had some part to act in that great event; but what part they acted, no man can tell. The details of all that was done within that dense cloud which veiled Sinai's top from human gaze, have never been revealed to man. A parallel to this passage in Galatians is found, however, in Stephen's address to the Jewish Sanhedrim:—

“Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost; as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which showed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers; who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.” Acts 7:51–53.

Those wicked men were uncircumcised in heart because they had not kept the law of God. See Rom. 2:25–29. They had violated the law which forbids murder, although they had received it “by the disposition of angels.” To the same effect the apostle writes to the Hebrews:—

“Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?” Heb. 2:1–3.

As we said before, it is useless to conjecture on these passages. Just what part the angels acted in connection with the proclaiming of the law, we cannot tell; we only know that in each of the above texts the statement that is made concerning the angels is made to emphasize the guilt of those who should violate the law, or should reject the gospel, which has reference to the law. With this we must leave this expression,—“it was ordained by angels,”—the only really difficult passage in the chapter.

“In the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.” Verse 20. The expression, “but God is one,” indicates that God is one of two parties between whom there is a mediator in whose hand the law was ordained. Now when we read that “there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Tim. 2:5), the conclusion seems irresistible that the “mediator” in whose hand the law was ordained, or disposed, was none other than the Lord Jesus Christ.

If to any one this conclusion seems unnatural, let him remember that the Son is the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of His person, and that by Him the worlds were made. Heb. 1:1–3. “For by him were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by him, and for him; and he is before all things, and by him all things consist.” Col. 1:16, 17. He is one with the Father (John 10:30), and therefore is worthy to be called God, and to be

worshiped as God. John 1:1. “Without him was not anything made that was made.” It would be expected therefore that the active work of proclaiming the law to men should also be performed by the Son. Whatever is done by the Son is the same as if done by the Father.

It will be profitable right here to note how inseparably the law and the gospel are united, and how impossible it is to separate, in any transaction, the Father and the Son. “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Gen. 1:1); but it was the Son “by whom he made the worlds.” Heb. 1:2. God formed the earth to be inhabited (Isa. 45:18), and therefore man was made in the image of God (Gen. 1:27); but before man was made, God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.” Gen. 1:26. This has unmistakable reference to Him who is “before all things,” and by whom all things were created. Col. 1:16, 17. Man fell, and thereby lost all hope of immortality, for which he was created. Then Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1 Tim. 1:15); but “God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself.” 2 Cor. 5:19. “It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us” (Rom. 8:31); but He is not alone in His love, neither does He have to move a heart hardened against man; “for God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16. And when God spoke the law from Sinai, He said, “I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage” (Ex. 20:2); but we know that an angel, in whom was the name of the Lord was with the people, whom they were to obey (Ex. 23:20, 21), and who spoke to Moses in the Mount Sinai, when he received the lively oracles to give unto us. Acts 7:38. Moreover we are plainly told that it was Christ who was with them in the wilderness, supplying both literal and spiritual food and water. 1 Cor. 10:1–4.

Thus in everything that concerns man, we see oneness of thought and action between the Father and the Son. It is not true that “the Jewish age,” so-called, was the administration of stern justice by the Father, and that “the Christian age” is the administration of tender mercy by the Son. If the life of one man had spanned the entire interval between creation and the present time, he could say, “Goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life.” There is no change of government between the fall of man and the restoration of all things. As it was the great love of God to the fallen world which moved Him to give His only begotten Son for their redemption, we are not surprised to learn that when Christ's ambassadors pray to men, “Be ye reconciled to God,” it is God Himself beseeching sinners to accept His pardon. Even so when we learn that Christ was with the church in the wilderness, that He was upon Mount Sinai, and that it was in His hand that the law was ordained, we are not surprised to hear Him say, “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy,

but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.”

“Is the law then against the promises of God?” Gal. 3:21. That it is not was shown by the 18th verse. It is directly in harmony with the promise, because by it men are enabled to see and forsake their sins, so that they may receive the promise. So the apostle says: “God forbid; for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.”

Righteousness would have been by the law if such a thing had been possible. If by any means men could have received life without the death of Christ, we may be sure that that means it would have been adopted. God is infinite; His love is infinite; therefore it was at an infinite sacrifice that God gave up His Son to die that the world through Him might have life. But there was no other way, for the law once violated could not by any possibility give life. It was ordained to life, but sin caused it to be unto death. “But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.” Gal. 3:22.

Blessed conclusion? “This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” 1 Tim. 1:13. Therefore, since all are concluded under sin, He came to save all. The provision is ample enough for all, but only those who believe can be made partakers. Unfortunately, too many will not acknowledge the authority of God’s law, and will not confess themselves to be sinners, and therefore the “promise by faith of Jesus Christ” cannot be given to them; for we are taught by verse 22, that it is necessary for men to be “concluded under sin,” in order that they may be sharers in the promise by faith. This again shows how the law works in harmony with the promise. W.

The White Lie

By the Editor

In 1982, a book was published entitled “The White Lie,” this book said that Ellen White was a plagiarist and was therefore not inspired. This book, as well as many others that have claimed Ellen White was a plagiarist or that she was not inspired, have led to many rejecting Ellen White. But is this book, as well as many others like it, really true about Ellen White? Was she a prophet or was she a liar or a plagiarist as many say?

A couple years before the release of this book and its subsequent influence against Ellen White, the Seventh-Day Adventist church decided to do a study on Ellen White’s use of literary sources. They had it conducted by Fred Veltman, a

man with experience in text analysis, having worked on Bible passages that had been accused of plagiarism. This study did an indepth examination of 15 chapters of the “Desire of Ages,” one of Ellen White’s most famous books and which was considered to be, if she was a plagiarist, the most likely candidate. The General Conference gave him a free hand to go where ever the evidence led, and many in the S.D.A. church feared what he and his assistants would find. This study took eight years to complete, at the end of which an over 2000 page report was drafted. This report concluded that Ellen White was not a plagiarist, and that when she did use other sources, although more than they had originally thought, the writing and structure of her work was uniquely her own and quite often heavily paraphrased, to the point in some areas where it was unclear if she really had gotten it from someone else or if she had just written similar to that person.

This study, which is available to anyone, and others, have proved “The White Lie,” to be wrong. And have refuted the accusation of plagiarism against Ellen White. But this study is not the only thing that have and do disprove the accusation of plagiarism.

“Looking at the ‘dependent’ sentences in the sampling we have considered, one is left wondering how most of the borrowed expressions could be appropriately marked or footnoted—even by today’s standards. More than this, the sentences of the largest category of ‘paraphrases’ say basically the same thing as their source, though with an original thought. Even the modified ‘verbatim’ demonstrate originality, as Mrs. White composed new meaningful sentences from select verbatim words and phrases in the sources. We also see that a large number of dependent sentences are paraphrases of Scripture, borrowed from another author to tell the Gospel story with a little more color.

“Since the time of the original study, we have had opportunity to discover some interesting things about literary borrowing among the other authors who wrote on the life of Christ. We have discovered, for example, in a comparison of book chapters paralleling *The Desire of Ages* chapter 58, that Daniel March, who was one of the more readable writers, used expressions from earlier works without acknowledgment as frequently as Ellen White, and that Farrar, Geikie, and Edersheim borrowed more frequently than either Daniel March or Ellen White.

“Why wasn’t this considered plagiarism? For one thing, the concept of literary property was evolving during this period. At the beginning of the 1800s, ‘nineteenth-century literary ethics, even among the best writers, approved of, or at least did not seriously question, generous literary borrowing without giving credit.’ By the mid-1800s, opinions had begun to change.” *A Quick View of the Life of Christ Research Project (1980–1988)*, By Kevin L. Morgan, his review of that project, we highly recommend.

The accusation of plagiarism has not been an uncommon accusation against God’s followers. “For centuries, the

charge of plagiarism has been a favorite weapon used against religious leaders—John Bunyan and John Wesley were both vigorously accused.” (whiteestate.org. The Truth About *The White Lie*, The use of Literary Sources.) Even the Bible has been accused of it, an accusation that has been proven false.

The accusation that some of her writings are similar to those of others, does not disprove her. “The amount of borrowing is not the most important question... An instructive parallel is found in the relationship of the Gospels. More than 90 percent of the Gospel of Mark is paralleled by passages in Matthew and Luke. Even so, contemporary critical Biblical scholars are coming more and more to the conclusion that although Matthew, Mark, and Luke used common materials, each was a distinct author in his own right. Thus even ‘higher critics’ have a more analytical approach to the study of literary sources than does *The White Lie*.

“At one time in the infancy of ‘source criticism’ the Gospel writers were thought by higher critics to be little more than ‘scissors and paste’ plagiarizers. Now critical scholars realize that literary studies are not complete until they move beyond cataloging parallel passages to the more significant question of how the borrowed material was used by each author to make his own unique statement.” whiteestate.org. The Truth About *The White Lie*, The use of Literary Sources.

If the logic used in “The White Lie” to prove Ellen White was a plagiarist, was to be used for the Bible, specifically the gospels of Matthew, and Luke, in comparison with Mark, they would fair much worse than Ellen White. And yet now many scholars are coming to the conclusion that these Gospels were not plagiarist. Probably every writer in history has borrowed words from someone else, possibly without realizing it. It is easy to be writing something and remember what you have already read about the topic and then write in some areas similar to that book or article and if paraphrased enough, it is not usually considered a problem. This was also considered to be even less of a problem in the eighteenth hundreds, where much more borrowing was allowed than would be today. And the vast majority of her writings are entirely her own, and she usually only used very small portions from others and they were usually paraphrased.

Even in those places where she did get information from others, she used it in her own way. “Ellen White ‘did not copy wholesale or without discrimination. What she selected or did not select, and how she altered what she selected’ reveals that she used literary sources ‘to amplify or to state more forcefully her own transcending themes; she was the master, not the slave, of her sources’ (Herbert E. Douglass, *Messenger of the Lord*, p. 461). See also The Truth about the White Lie.” whiteestate.org, Question and Answers about Ellen White, The plagiarism charge.

“On the question of the legality of literary borrowing, Attorney Vincent Ramik, who is not a Seventh-day

Adventist, investigated Ellen White’s use of sources according to the copyright laws and cases in the nineteenth century.” And after over 300 hundred hours of work and over 1000 relevant cases reviewed from that time period. “He concluded that her use did not constitute literary piracy *even if* all the books from which she drew had been legally copyrighted.” whiteestate.org. The Truth About *The White Lie*, The use of Literary Sources.

Another evidence in favor of Ellen White is what the Bible says “By their fruits thee shall know them.” Matthew 7:20. “The White Lie,” with its antagonistic attacks against Ellen White, has led to many rejecting solid Bible truths, many have fallen into fanaticism after reading the book, (unfortunately the writer has relatives to prove this), and sadly it has led to the falling away of some from Christ.

But on the other hand, Ellen White’s books have helped and sustained many Christians in difficult situations, as well as supporting many Bible doctrines. They have also led to the salvation of hundreds of thousands who might not have been saved if had not been for her writings convincing them to turn to Christ. With these facts before us, it is easy to see who passes the Bible test and who does not.

If you read enough of Ellen White’s books, you can tell they were all written by the same person, you can feel the inspiration of God in her writings, as well as her love and honesty in what she wrote.

These two points, that her writings produce good fruits and that they all seem to be written by the same person and feel inspired by God, are strong arguments in favor of Ellen White and against “The White Lie.”

There are studies and many evidences that show Ellen White to be a prophet. And it is a good idea to review and look over these evidences, as many of these arguments against Ellen White keep arising again and again, even though the evidence is already there in her favor. The work of Satan to deceive the world and divert our minds from the truth, is a continuing struggle and we must be ready to face every argument that is thrown against God and His truth.

(If you would like to look at some of the information presented in this article for yourself, here is the names of some sources:)

(Full Report of, The Life of Christ Research Project, By Dr. Fred Veltman. We also recommend that if you don’t want to read the full report that you at least read the preface, to help get an understanding of how the research was conducted.)

(We also highly recommend: A Quick View of the Life of Christ Research Project (1980–1988), By Kevin L. Morgan. To get, as the name implies, a quick view of what the project covered and discovered.)

Section Two

The Test of a True Prophet

The Bible gives several ways to tell a prophet. One is by their fruits. Another is how they agree with the Bible. And a third is, if they make predictions, and those predictions are fulfilled. But before we go into detail on whether Ellen White meets these particulars, let us answer a question that many may have:

“Can there be prophets anymore?” Many people are adverse to the idea of a prophet in our modern world. Many believe that prophets existed back in the early church, but now no longer exist. But is this what the Bible teaches? Does the Bible teach that prophets are a thing of the past?

When we examine the Bible, we find that it does not say anywhere that prophets are going to be done away with. All the way up to the very last book of the Bible, which was written by a prophet, prophets have existed. But there is a reason why we have not seen prophets for a long time and that is, since the Revelation was written, the Church began a moral decay that resulted in the formation of the papacy and led to a long period of darkness where almost no one was following the Bible perfectly, although many of them did not know that.

But when we get to the Reformation the darkness starts to recede and the truth begins to shine again and once we get to the 1800s, many of the papal errors have been exposed. And the group that helped expose the last of them was the Seventh-Day Adventist church. Finally again we have a church that is following the original principals of Christianity, and what do we see? Another prophet, to help guide the church in getting rid of some of the final errors and to prepare it for the future.

Another point that could be made is that of the prophet Joel, in the Old Testament. Joel talks about two rains, the former rain and the latter rain. The former rain was poured out at the beginning of the church and the latter rain was to be poured out at the end of the church. And so it only makes sense for the church at the end of time to receive many of the blessings it experienced under the former rain, such as prophets.

“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. *Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.*” 1 Thessalonians 5:18–21.

So there is real precedent for there to be prophets in the last days. So does Ellen White fit the Bible specifications of a prophet?

First do her writing agree with the Bible? “To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” Isaiah 8:20. Ellen White once said, similar to what Martin Luther said, that she would rather all her writings disappear, if by that, people would

read their Bibles and truly understand them. This shows that she believed that everything she wrote (at least everything that was necessary to know) could be found in the Bible and in nature if people would just listen, and that her job would be unnecessary if people would just follow God’s plan.

And the writer of this article would agree with this, he has not found anything in Ellen White’s writings that would disagree with the Bible, nor does he know anyone that has. (Except of course those who do not support Ellen White.) She supported and used the Bible more than many do today.

What about her influence? “By their fruits ye shall know them.” “Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?” Matthew 7:20, 16. As already mentioned previous, her writings have had an amazing influence for good and in the spread of the Gospel. There have even been studies done on her writings, that have found that those who read her writings, were usually stronger Christians than those who did not.

She was a strong advocate of health reform and civil rites, an advocate of education and missionary work. In everything she did love to God and man was shown. Her influence for God is an argument in her favor that is impossible to refute.

Did Ellen White make predictions that have been fulfilled? “...When the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him.” Jeremiah 28:9. Ellen White made multiple predictions, here are some:

“Last Friday morning, just before I awoke, a very impressive scene was presented before me. I seemed to awake from sleep but was not in my home. From the windows I could behold a terrible conflagration. Great balls of fire were falling upon houses, and from these balls fiery arrows were flying in every direction. It was impossible to check the fires that were kindled, and many places were being destroyed. The terror of the people was indescribable. After a time I awoke and found myself at home.—Ev 29 (1906).” Last Day Events, pages 24–25. This description sounds remarkably similar to the use of fire bombs in World War 2 and other wars, such as white phosphorus and napalm. These bombs send fiery sparks in all directions and are pretty much unquenchable, except by smothering, such as with sand. Multiple indescribable incidents of horror happened in the use of such weapons during World War 2, in the fire bombings of cities in both Germany and Japan, in which millions were killed.

“In the visions of the night a very impressive scene passed before me. I saw an immense ball of fire fall among some beautiful mansions, causing their instant destruction. I heard some one say, ‘We knew that the judgments of God were coming upon the earth, but we did not know that they would come so soon.’ Others, with agonized voices, said, ‘You knew! Why then did you not tell us? We did not know!’ On every side I heard similar words of reproach spoken.” Christian Service, page 111. This description sounds as well as others she gave of this same vision, vary much like a

nuclear bomb, which can destroy a large section of a city instantly.

“JAN. 12, 1861, JUST THREE MONTHS TO A DAY BEFORE THE FIRST GUN WAS FIRED ON FORT SUMPTER, THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST MEETING-HOUSE IN PARKVILLE, MICH., WAS DEDICATED. AT THE CLOSE OF A DISCOURSE BY ELDER WHITE, SISTER WHITE GAVE A STIRRING EXHORTATION, AFTER WHICH SHE TOOK HER SEAT IN A CHAIR. IN THIS POSITION SHE WAS TAKEN OFF IN VISION. THE HOUSE WAS CROWDED WITH PEOPLE, AND IT WAS A MOST SOLEMN PLACE TO BE IN. AFTER COMING OUT OF THE VISION, SHE AROSE, AND LOOKING ABOUT THE HOUSE SHE SAID:—

“There is not a person in this house who has even dreamed of the trouble that is coming upon this land. People are making sport of the secession ordinance of South Carolina, but I have just been shown that a large number of States are going to join that State, and there will be a most terrible war. In this vision I have seen large armies of both sides gathered on the field of battle. I heard the booming of the cannon, and saw the dead and dying on every hand. Then I saw them rushing up engaged in hand-to-hand fighting [bayoneting one another]. Then I saw the field after the battle, all covered with the dead and dying. Then I was carried to prison, and saw the suffering of those in want, who were wasting away. Then I was taken to the homes of those who had lost husbands, sons, or brothers in the war. I saw there distress and anguish.’

“Then looking slowly around the house she said:—

“There are those in this house who will lose sons in that war.” General Conference Daily Bulletin, January 31, 1893 Remarks at Parkville, Michigan. This one does not really need explanation.

“I was shown the inhabitants of the earth in the utmost confusion. War, bloodshed, privation, want, famine, and pestilence were abroad in the land. As these things surrounded God’s people, they began to press together, and to cast aside their little difficulties. Self-dignity no longer controlled them; deep humility took its place. Suffering, perplexity, and privation caused reason to resume its throne, and the passionate and unreasonable man became sane, and acted with discretion and wisdom.

“My attention was then called from the scene. There seemed to be a little time of peace. Once more the inhabitants of the earth were presented before me; and again everything was in the utmost confusion. Strife, war, and bloodshed, with famine and pestilence, raged everywhere. Other nations were engaged in this war and confusion. War caused famine. Want and bloodshed caused pestilence. And then men’s hearts failed them for fear, ‘and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth.’ Testimonies Volume 1, page 268. This description sounds like World War 1 and World War 2. A great war, then a short time of peace,

then a second war and then men’s hearts failing them for fear. What came after World War 2? The Cold War, which has been characterized by fear of nuclear annihilation.

“God has not executed His wrath without mercy. His hand is stretched out still. His message must be given in Greater New York. The people must be shown how it is possible for God, by a touch of His hand, to destroy the property they have gathered together against the last great day.—3MR 310, 311 (1902).

“I have no light in particular in regard to what is coming on New York, only that I know that one day the great buildings there will be thrown down by the turning and overturning of God’s power... Death will come in all places. This is why I am so anxious for our cities to be warned.—RH July 5, 1906.

“On one occasion, when in New York City, I was in the night season called upon to behold buildings rising story after story toward heaven. These buildings were warranted to be fireproof, and they were erected to glorify their owners and builders...

“The scene that next passed before me was an alarm of fire. Men looked at the lofty and supposedly fireproof buildings and said: ‘They are perfectly safe.’ But these buildings were consumed as if made of pitch. The fire engines could do nothing to stay the destruction. The firemen were unable to operate the engines.—9T 12, 13 (1909). Last Day Events, pages 112–113. This description may describe 9/11, but it may describe something even worse, this again also sounds like a nuclear weapon. If a nuclear weapon was to go off in New York city, the buildings that were far enough away might still be standing, but would probably be engulfed in flames, the fire engines would not work because of the E.M.P. blast from the nuclear weapon that knocks out all electronics in the area.

“In India, China, Russia, and the cities of America, thousands of men and women are dying of starvation. The monied men, because they have the power, control the market. They purchase at low rates all they can obtain, and then sell at greatly increased prices. This means starvation to the poorer classes, and will result in a civil war. There will be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. ‘And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation, even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book... Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.’—Ms 114, 1899. (General manuscript, untitled, typed August 13, 1899.)” Manuscript Releases volume 5, pages 305–306. Less than twenty years after this was written, the famous Russian civil war broke out that resulted in the Soviet Union. About 12 years later from when this was written, the China’s empire fell to civil war and was taken up

by the Chinese Republic, which was 40 years later destroyed in another civil war by communist China. India also experienced many smaller rebellions. We have also experienced civil war on a much smaller scale here as well, such as the great depression riots and in the experience of the civil rites movements and the fighting in the cities of America over these issues.

These are not all the quotes that could be given, and do these quotes sound like the writing of a liar? Or the writings of someone who is trying to serve God and His people? Predictions such as these, could not be made by liars or those who are uninspired. From these predictions is shown her truthfulness.

Ellen White meets all the criteria for a Bible prophet and yet many today reject her as a liar and a fraud. But the fact that she passes the Bible tests of a prophet is indisputable evidence that she was a prophet.

Rejecting Ellen White is dangerous, many of those who have, have fallen into fanaticism, which is a result of the rejection of truth. And many of those who read their Bible without having a good understanding, would be greatly helped by her writings. Anything inspired by God, is a message that God wants His people to know.

If people would read Ellen White, with an understanding enlightened by the Holy Spirit, they would be greatly encouraged and more prepared to face calamities that are upon us, and be prepared for that great day of our Lord and Saviour.

Editor

Mission Reports

This issue we have two Mission reports from two of our workers in Uganda, brother J. N. and brother J. M.

Mission Report I

Uganda, J. N.

February 2023

Dear ones,

Heb 6:10–11

The time for the Present Truth is in our day now and is our opportunity to work. We are not to live for self. It is of the highest consequence to us that if we don't use our opportunities and privileges to be honored as laborers together with God we shall be doomed. Time is precious, and we should be filled with earnestness to work constantly, improving our ordained faculties individually to bring forth fruits worth our calling. I have been pressing our co-

ministers to be organized in every effort among our churches in the land (region), well knowing that there is work for every soul, by His grace gifted by the Holy Spirit. Every coworker chosen of God will feel thus the influence of His presence among us.

...We are to lift up Jesus, the Man of Calvary, as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness when things were hard to proceed in a journey to Canaan. Life was by looking to Jesus or death by looking to good things in the world. My interest is to be sure that we have a genuine faith that works and beholds the uplifted Savior, laboring to bind up souls to the redeemer Jesus Christ. John 17:11.

I have been traveling to meet many of our brethren whom we have separated with from the main SDA Church organization over a decade past (J. M., K. H., A. K... I. O), to lay plans together how best we can sustain the work before us after Covid 19... when means were put under control of a few persons. I have been successful in my travels and noticed that we still need a great deal of support in wide areas of operations in order to sustain our great revolutionary separation movement. It is my kind request for more continual support in Africa.

We have been also in discussion in great detail with J. M., E. M., K. H., A. K... for the need to enlighten our people of new manifestations of fanatical teachings that are engulfing the human race, where technological innovations expose us to mushrooming doctrines of Babylonian belief. We met at bro. E. M.'s home in K___, who was suffering from diabetic conditions. While with him we invited medical ministers to share a number of challenges and we concluded by adopting to encourage our brethren in faith for country living.

In this Jan, 2023, we agreed always to come up with a principle of coming together in Open Air Public campaign (effort), like we did in a just concluded campaign in B___. We have now tried to lay plans together and press for the work ahead of us, more so in medical ministry, when disease has increased. We also shared about SRA as a uniting platform that could help us share challenges ahead. We decided to get a simple online training among ourselves to handle the most difficult areas in our doctrine and management of our established churches, which seem to be neglected, yet many of our people have not learned how best to nurture our independent church position. Thanks to J___, G___ and J___, for helping with a trial zoom room to improve on enlightening ourselves in the area of prophecy, with a prophecy seminar on a weekly schedule that has run for a year.

Thank you for all your support and prayers that we are able to stand by His word when things have turned very difficult. We pray for continuity, without which it would very hard.

God bless you,

J. N.

Mission Report 2

Uganda, J. M.

February 2023

Dear brother J. S.,

I greet you in the name of Christ our Lord and Saviour. Hope you are doing ok that side of the globe. It's been such a long time that I've not communicated to you and vice versa but all said and done, I wish you a happy 2023 together with your family. May the good Lord give His protection and His blessing, as you endeavor to do His work at such a critical time as this.

On a sad note, I'd like to inform you of the enemies onslaught on our believers in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. I have luckily moved in these countries and in the recent past, what I have seen is very very absurd for us as present truth believers. After reaching out to preach present truth when funds were forthcoming and when we could easily reach to every group home church, and we were all standing on the same tenets on present truth on all doctrinal beliefs. When the support came down, we couldn't go help each and every present truth group and church as so needed and with this gap in place, the enemy through false brethren and ministries has hijacked many of the present truth groups and home churches through erroneous doctrines. For example the enemy has done this,

1. That God the father is the only true God
2. The Lord Jesus Christ is in some of their teaching taken as one the Father delegated to be His son and by so doing is denied as a Godhead.

In the same vain, the Holy spirit is taken as a power of Christ or God the Father and by so doing, they don't take Him as an entity and by so doing denying Him as a Godhead.

3. Some teach that God the Father and the Son are the only Divine beings and that the Holy Spirit is the angel Gabriel.
4. Women are not supposed to hold any office in church.
5. That at no point should one go and get conventional treatment, not even surgery. That we should only use natural remedies and in an event where we don't know natural remedies to bring cure on a certain disease, we should just await our death.

It is on these erroneous doctrines that our work for present truth has been retarded and it is in this light that I call upon one and all and hear our Macedonian cry for help to counter their falsity.

We should all rise to the moment and take this on. Look at Isaiah 28:5-6. Let's not wait for the enemy to take every inch of ground before we wake up.

Waiting to hear from you. PS. This gives me sleepless nights.

With Christian love,

J. M.

One Liner

We must be intelligent and knowledgeable in those things that concern are welfare, both future and present.

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge,” the Lord says.

Health Nugget

The Treatment of Disease, Part 1

In our modern world and in past history, disease has always been a problem, and so it is necessary that we are intelligent when it comes to health. It is not just important to know how to avoid disease and how live healthy, but also what course should be pursued if disease or infirmities come upon us. Many in our world are not intelligent enough when it comes to health, we rely too much on the advice of others without thoroughly investigating for ourselves. We must be educated in the course that God would have us pursue when it comes to disease. And God has not left us in ignorance in regard to this, He has given many precious lessons in nature and the word of God, as well as other inspired writings, and it is important that we heed their testimony.

Most diseases and infirmities are preventable through proper habits of health and the obedience of natural law. But sometimes an infirmity or disease can be unavoidable, but God wants us to be well and when disease and infirmity sometimes come upon us, God has not left without knowledge on what we should do.

God has shown us that when disease or infirmity come upon us, that instead of looking to medical drugs for treatment, we should first instead look to those things He has implanted already in nature, things that come without the poisons of drugs. But questions have been raised about this, should we treat disease entirely naturally or should we also use the implementations of modern medicine? This is a tricky question, modern medicine has many things wrong with it, things that have resulted in terrible side effects to some of those who have been treated by it. But it also has many good and useful things, God has not prohibited

surgery or anesthesia, or many of the tools that are used in medicine, but God has also warned us about many of the wrong paths and implementations that have been spreading throughout the medical field and these He asks us to avoid.

In Revelation 18, we find these words: “And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; *for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived*. And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.” Revelation 18:23–24. This text says that the main reason Great Babylon is destroyed is because of its use of *sorceries*. This word *sorceries* is an interesting word, it comes from the word in Greek, *pharmakeia*, definition: “The use or the administering of drugs, poisoning, sorcery, magical arts, often found in connection with idolatry and fostered by it.” Bible Study Tools, *Pharmakeia*, New Testament Greek Lexicon. This word usually means the use of drugs in medicine, most of the time related to witchcraft, such as potions and spells, but also can refer to administration of what we would call drugs by those not involved in witchcraft. The word *Pharmakieia* is also related to the word *pharmacy*.

Now Revelation 18 says that the great sin that results in the destruction of Great Babylon is *sorceries*, or the use of drugs and other harmful medical practices. Great Babylon that is brought to view in Revelation 18 is similar to Babylon in Revelation 14. The Babylon message of chapter 14 began to be given during and after 1843, all the way to the present, to come out of the corrupt protestant churches. The message to come out of Great Babylon was to be given subsequent to the start of this one and is sometimes called the fourth angel’s message. This message is a repeat of the first Babylon message with mention of the new sins that have entered the protestant churches, but with particular warning about their new member, the Seventh-Day Adventist church. Who, though having been given great light and who should have known better, had fallen even further than the rest, and because of this was called *Great Babylon*. Such will always be the result of the rejecting of great light.

The medical world has become entangled with the church, Protestants and Catholic churches are all heavily involved in medicine, with the largest medical institutions run by churches. But who is the leading church in modern medicine? The Seventh-Day Adventist Church. This Church has surpassed all in the use of modern medicine. No other church has become so involved with the use of drugs, vaccines, and other medical practices, then has the Seventh-Day Adventist church. Even despite Ellen White’s own warnings:

“As to drugs being used in our institutions, it is contrary to the light which the Lord has been pleased to give. The drugging business has done more harm to our world and killed more than it has helped or cured. The light was first

given to me why institutions should be established, that is sanitariums were to reform the medical practices of physicians.

“It is a delusion and a farce, and the Lord has revealed to me that this practice would not preserve life, but would introduce into the system those things which should never be there, for they would do a deleterious work on the human organism.

“The drug science has been exalted, but if every bottle that comes from every such institution were done away with, there would be fewer invalids in the world today. Drug medication should never have been introduced into our institutions. There was no need of this being so, and for this very reason the Lord would have us establish an institution where He can come in and where His grace and power can be revealed. ‘I am the Resurrection and the Life,’ He declares.” *The Place of Herbs in Rational Therapy*, pages 12–13.

“Then shall physicians continue to resort to drugs, which leave a deadly evil in the system, destroying that life which Christ came to restore? Christ’s remedies cleanse the system. But Satan has tempted man to introduce into the system that which weakens the human machinery, clogging and destroying the fine, beautiful arrangements of God. The drugs administered to the sick do not restore, but destroy. Drugs never cure. Instead, they place in the system seeds which bear a very bitter harvest...” *Selected Messages book 2*, Pages 288–289.

“The Health Retreat was established at a great cost to treat the sick without drugs. It should be conducted on hygienic principles. *Drug medication should be worked away from as fast as possible, until entirely discarded*. Education should be given on proper diet, dress, and exercise. Not only should our own people be educated, but those who have not received the light upon health reform should be taught how to live healthfully, according to God’s order. But if we have no standard in this respect ourselves, what is the need of going to such large expense to establish a health institute? Where does the reform come in?” *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, page 406. Ellen White said that drugs should only be used as a last resort, if there is no other option, then it is permissible to take them, but only as a last resort.

The use of drugs and vaccines are a great evil that has beset our World and many do not realize how deep the damage has gone. A vast portion of the diseases and infirmities that have come upon us over the past 150 years, is a result of the use of drugs and vaccines. Cancers of every type, and enumerable autoimmune diseases, that have led millions to their graves and many more to crippled lives.

And Ellen White said this all the way back in her day: “I was shown that more deaths have been caused by drug-taking than from all other causes combined. If there was in the land one physician in the place of thousands, a vast amount of premature mortality would be prevented.

Multitudes of physicians, and multitudes of drugs, have cursed the inhabitants of the earth, and have carried thousands and tens of thousands to untimely graves.”
Spiritual Gifts Volume 4 A, page 133.

As already said, not all the modern medical practices are bad, surgery, anesthesia, and many of other tools used in modern medicine are very useful and have saved millions of lives, Ellen White confirmed this by having doctor Kellogg educated in them. But the use of drugs and vaccines we must work against. The use of drugs and vaccines where God has already given us the true method without the danger, is one of the great evils of this generation that will finally call down the wrath of God in the seven last plagues. Where they will be given an incurable sore that all their drugs and so called advanced medicines will fall helpless at curing.

The crime of drug and vaccine use is one of the S.D.A. church's, or Great Babylon's, greatest sins. And when Christ comes again they will be held accountable for the pain and suffering that they have caused, not just the blood of those in the modern world, but from the blood of righteous Abel all the way to Christ Himself. The message is now going forth to come out of this great system of error before it is forever to late. “Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”

“And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.” Revelation 18:4, 24.

Editor

(For more information on the dangers of vaccines and drugs and Ellen Whites position on them, we recommend the book “Vaccination,” by Timothy R. Perenich DC, Ma and Michael J. Farris MS, Ma.)

Notice to the Reader

We are looking for healthy food receipts so that we can add a health recipes section to this health nugget. If you have any suggestions you can email us at,

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Words of John Wycliffe

“Every man is called to be steward of God. Every man is responsible to God for what he does with his life. Every man must stand alone before the final judgment of God. God has given us the scriptures that we should learn how to think and believe and live. Oh my good brethren let us make it known that it is every man's right to examine the scriptures for himself, to read them in his own tongue that he may learn how to serve God. It is not enough to leave their interpretation to the Church.

“Do we really dare to give the word of God in the common tongue into the hands of the common people? Do we fully understand what we are doing? Will some not abuse, misuse and misinterpret the scriptures? My brethren, of course some will. But has keeping the scriptures as the property of the hierarchy and clergy prevented misuse? No indeed. It has furthered its abuse. We will give God's word to God's children and His spirit will guide them. It will take time for growth and understanding, but I fear what judgments may befall us if we dare not give out this Word.

“My friends, the way will be hard. Hunger, bitter cold, foul words, physical attack await you. It may be you will be persecuted, imprisoned, then like Christ you will turn the other cheek, if need be again and again. Love Him, and serve Him always. Therein lies your strength.” John Wycliffe, *The Morning Star*, Movie.

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Women's Group Meeting	6-7pm	Tuesday 2am	466 324 8724	
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FRIDAY				
Worship Service	6-7pm	Sabbath 2am	466 324 8724	
SABBATH				
Spanish Children's S.School	7:30am	Sabbath 3:30pm	466 324 8724	
Children's Sabbath School	9:30am	Sabbath 5:30pm	466 324 8724	
Youth & adult Sabbath School	10:30am	Sabbath 6:30pm	466 324 8724	
Church	11:30am	Sabbath 7:30pm	466 324 8724	
Ukiah Home Church California				
SABBATH				
Sabbath School & Church	11am-1pm	Sabbath 7pm	844 6830 7870	521946
Prophecy Seminar	10-11pm	Sunday 6am	830 9959 0064	199607
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FRIDAY				
Worship	6:30-8:30pm	Friday 11:30pm	311 019 6177	98294052
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Morning Worship	9:30am-12pm	Sabbath 2:30pm	311 019 6177	98294052
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