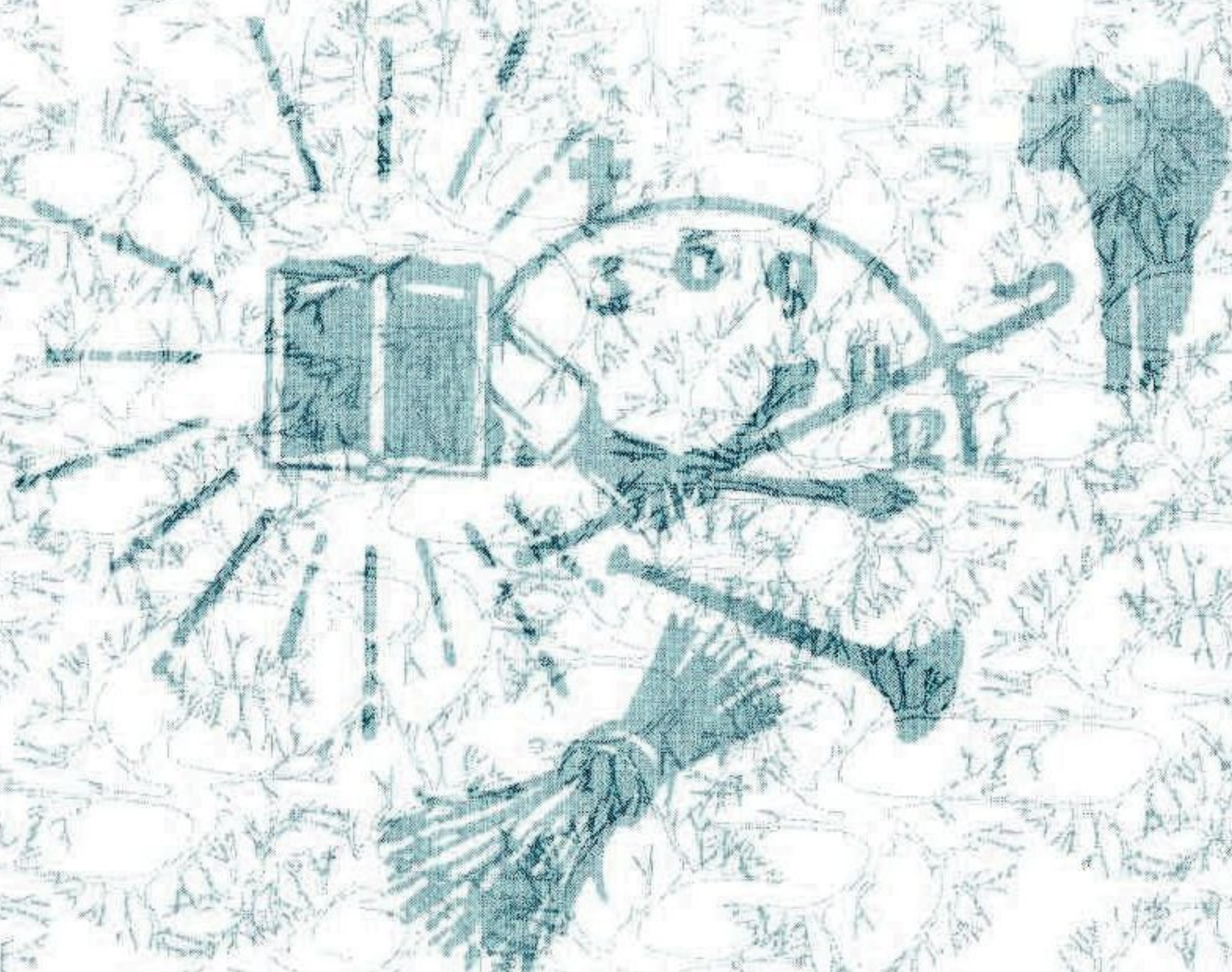


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CHRIST OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

A Fundamental, All-Embracing Truth

In Part II the subject of Righteousness by Faith has been dealt with largely in its historical aspect,—the time, the place, and the manner in which the Lord chose to bring His people face to face with this vital, fundamental truth of the gospel for the purpose of adding strength, power, and expansion to the proclamation of the third angel's message which had been so signally intrusted to them. We now come to an analysis of the subject in its broad aspects, as it is presented in the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy.

The Minneapolis Conference adjourned with the minds of the delegates in more or less uncertainty and confusion regarding the message of Righteousness by Faith that had been set forth. But the presentation of this vital truth, with all the agitation, discussion, and perplexity it occasioned, was not in vain by any means. It started new thought and study regarding the great theme of justification by faith, and led many into a better, richer appreciation of the Saviour as their substitute and surety. Among the greatest of all the blessings that have followed that meeting has been the abundant instruction which the Lord has sent to His people through the Spirit of Prophecy regarding our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and how to live His life by faith. This instruction is truly illuminating.

It is worthy of note that since the Minneapolis Conference there have come to us, through the Spirit of Prophecy, the following volumes of instruction:

"*Steps to Christ*," in 1892.

"*Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*," in 1896

"*The Desire of Ages*," in 1898

"*Christ's Object Lessons*," in 1900.

"*The Ministry of Healing*," in 1905.

"*The Acts of the Apostles*," in 1911.

It is well known to all who have read these books that the great dominant theme is Christ,—His victorious life in humanity, His atoning sacrifice on the cross, and how He now may be made unto us poor mortals, wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.

Besides these intensely spiritual books, scores and scores of messages have been sent to us through the *Review and Herald*, which contain the clearest and most helpful instruction regarding the subject of righteousness by faith. All this is of priceless value to the church. It throws a flood of light upon the great problem of redemption in all its phases.

In studying further into the subject of righteousness by faith, as set forth in the Spirit of Prophecy, it is important that there should be a clear understanding of its

scope. This is not a doctrine of limited intent or of minor consequence. It is not a subject with which one may or may not be familiar and fare as well. Righteousness by Faith, in its larger meaning, embraces every vital, fundamental truth of the gospel. It begins with man's moral standing when created, and deals with--

1. The law by which man is to live.
2. Transgression of that law.
3. Penalty for transgression.
4. Problem of redemption.
5. Love of Father and Son which made redemption possible.
6. Justice in accepting a substitute.
7. Nature of the atonement.
8. Incarnation.
9. Sinless life of Christ.
10. Vicarious death of the Son of God.
11. Burial, resurrection, and ascension.
12. The Father's assurance of a satisfactory substitution.
13. The coming of the Holy Spirit.
14. Ministry of Jesus in the heavenly sanctuary
15. The part required of the sinner in order to be redeemed.
16. Nature of faith, repentance, confession, obedience.
17. Meaning and experience of regeneration, justification, and sanctification.
18. Need and place of the Holy Spirit and Word of God in making real to men what was made possible on the cross.
19. Victory over sin through the indwelling Christ.
20. Place of works in the life of the believer.
21. Place of prayer in receiving and holding the righteousness of Christ.

22. The culmination and deliverance in the return of the Redeemer.

This is the great sweep of truth embraced in the short phrase "*righteousness by faith.*" "A small key," says Pierson, "may open a very complex lock and a very large door, and that door itself may lead into a vast building with priceless stores of wealth and beauty." The brief phrase, "*righteousness by faith,*" opens the door to all the priceless stores of the wealth and glory of the gospel in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It is worth while to note at this point some of the expressions found in the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy which serve to introduce or provide appropriate framework for this beautiful truth.

It Bears the Divine Credentials

"The present message, justification by faith, is a message from God; it bears the divine credentials, for its fruit is unto holiness." --*Review and Herald, Sept. 3, 1889.*

A Precious Thought

"The thought that the righteousness of Christ is imputed to us, not because of any merit on our part, but as a free gift from God, seemed a precious thought." --*Review and Herald, Sept. 3, 1889.*

It Is Sweetest Melodies

"The sweetest melodies that come from human lips--justification by faith, and the

righteousness of Christ.” --*Review and Herald, April 4, 1895.*

It Is a Pure White Pearl

“The righteousness of Christ, as a pure white pearl, has no defect, no stain, no guilt. This righteousness may be ours.”
--*Review and Herald, Aug. 8, 1899.*

In its truest sense, righteousness by faith is not a *theory*; it is an *experience*, a vital change which takes place in the believer in Christ. It gives the sinner a new standing before God. It is the essence of Christianity, for we read:

“The sum and substance of the whole matter of Christian grace and experience is contained in believing on Christ, in knowing God and His Son whom He hath sent.” “Religion means the abiding of Christ in the heart, and where He is, the soul goes on in spiritual activity, ever growing in grace, ever going on to perfection.” --*Review and Herald, May 21, 1892.*

To lose sight of this wonderful, fundamental, all-embracing truth is to miss that which is vital in the plan of redemption.

(This is chapter seven of the book, *Christ Our Righteousness*,--a study of the principles of Righteousness by Faith as set forth in the Word of God and the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy....To be continued).

**Blow the trumpet in Zion,
sanctify a fast,
call a solemn assembly:
Gather the people,
sanctify the congregation,
assemble the elders,
gather the children,
and those that suck the breasts:
let the bridegroom go forth
of his chamber,
and the bride out of her closet.
Let the priests, the ministers
of the Lord, weep between the
porch and the altar,
and let them say,
Spare thy people, O Lord,
and give not thine heritage
to reproach,
that the heathen should
rule over them;
wherefore should they say
among the people.
Where is their God?...
Be glad then, ye children of Zion,
and rejoice in the Lord your God:
for he hath given you the former
rain moderately, and he will
cause to come down for you
the rain, the former rain, and the
latter rain in the first month.
And the floors shall be
full of wheat, and the vats
shall overflow with wine and oil.
And I will restore to you the
years that the locust hath eaten,
the cankerworm, and the
caterpillar, and the
palmerworm, my great army
which I sent among you....
Joel 2:15-25:23-25.**

THE SPIRIT THAT ORIGINATED EVIL AND ITS MANIFESTATION TODAY

V. T. Houteff

Our text is found in Isaiah, chapter 2, verse 22 --"Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?"

In this verse of Scripture God recommends that we cease from man. And the reason given is that man's breath is in his nostrils; because without breath he is but a lump of dirt, and therefore of no account.

The plea would not have been made if the people were not putting their trust in man rather than in God for their salvation; that is, rather than doing what the noble Bereans did, studying to know whether "these things be so," God's people are giving heed to what others think or say. They are today doing what hundreds of thousands were doing in Jesus' day; trusting in the opinions of their learned priests, scribes, and rabbis. The Jews' giving heed to hearsay instead of engaging in personal investigation and experience of their own with the source of truth is, therefore, the thing that crucified the Lord.

And where do you suppose such confidence in man originated? We often think that evil originated with Eve when she reached for the forbidden fruit. But the fact is that evil already existed before Eve came in contact

with it. Let us read this from the prophet Isaiah:

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit." --Isa. 14:12-15.

We understand that Satan's name before he sinned was Lucifer, and that he sinned before Eve sinned, that he was impersonated in the serpent that deceived Eve. We shall therefore consider the sin in heaven before we further consider sin on earth.

Satan, we are told, was not the only sinner in heaven, for with him were cast out of Heaven a third of the angelic host (Rev. 12:4). These were cast out of Heaven because they gave heed to the words of Lucifer, to a man in Heaven, rather than giving heed to the word of God. This was the angels' downfall. Lucifer himself fell when he aspired to be as God.

These two sins--trust in man, and desire to exalt self--are still the leading sin elements now here on earth. This was Eve's stumbling block and to many even today it is still the stumbling block. No, appetite alone was not the cause of Eve's downfall. The serpent did not say, "Thou shouldst eat of this fruit for it is wonderful, more delicious than any other fruit in the garden of God." But he said: "God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as *gods*, knowing good and evil." *Gen. 3:5.*

The fruit, of course, appealed to her, but she was tempted by the idea of having the opportunity to be exalted to the throne of God, to be exalted to the same position to which Lucifer himself aspired. Lucifer must have honestly believed that he would be as God if the angels in Heaven and the men on earth would but take orders from him.

And so we see that the Devil deceived Eve on the same grounds he deceived himself and his angels, the only difference being that he caused Eve to eat of the fruit which he himself and his angels would not eat. Consequently, Eve sinned against her physical being, too, by taking into it something that was not created for food, and consequently she died. But Satan and his angels still live.

This same stumbling block, the desire to exalt self, has predominated throughout the ages, and it predominates today. No, I am not making rash and empty statements. I have the facts to back up my words. For example, in the days of the Exodus

Movement, there were Korah, Dathan, and Abiram who aspired to the office of Moses and Aaron as Lucifer aspired to the throne of God, the highest offices they could have longed for. And did not Lucifer fall because of wanting to be above all others for nothing more than to exalt self? And was not the same true of the fall of Korah, Dathan and Abiram?

Today we see the same clamoring for position even in our own churches. The offices of Church Elders, Sabbath School Superintendents, Secretaries, Pianists, and other such church offices, let us remember, hold no monetary compensation. But in spite of it, every year in most of the churches, as far as I have been able to observe, there is a clamor and a quarrel by men and women for one or more of these offices. Since there is no monetary remuneration for such services, then what is the fuss about if not purely for self-exaltation, if not for the purpose of being looked up to as somebody?

You see then, that the same clamor for self-promotion that existed with Lucifer, with Eve, with others down through the ages, exists today. My statement, you see, is backed up by actual facts. Moreover, if such be the case with those who receive no monetary consideration for their services, then what could be the case with those who are well paid? This question you can answer for yourself to your own satisfaction.

Plainly, one who aspires to position simply for self-exaltation, especially when such an

office holds out spiritual responsibilities as does a church office, such a one should not be given any consideration whatsoever. And if he already has any station of responsibility, he should be relieved of it, for such high-minded leaders are spiritually blind, and they draw the multitude to themselves as did Lucifer draw the angels to himself and to doom.

Moreover, this class of leaders, dead to Christ and alive to themselves, as a rule love to parade, and even to exaggerate their religious deeds. Such should therefore be branded as Satan inspired disciple seekers. This class of men are naturally clever. They manage to gain the confidence of the people by the same method with which the priests and rabbis in Jesus' time deceived the nation: They prayed where they could be seen; they marred their faces to appear to be fasting; and they made it their business to air far and wide whatever good they did; they were adept at making themselves appear very religious, pious, philanthropic, and righteous.

Multitudes are still charmed by such so-called good men, and multitudes unquestionably accept their decisions as if they were God's decisions. Against such, remember Inspiration warns: "Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?" Isa. 2:22.

That these man worshipers be seen even more realistically, let me tell you something: Thousands have advised us to recant if the president of the General

Conference sees no light in our teaching, if he sees no light in our revival and reformation among God's people. They seem to be just as sincere in this as were the Jews who confidently took sides against Jesus by making the high priest's decisions their own decisions!

Their wish for us to recant "if the president sees no light," shows that they are copying the Jews of old, rather than looking into the matter themselves, with confidence in the Spirit of God to show them personally what Truth is; they have absolute confidence in what man, "the president" tells them!

Was not this very spirit in the hearts of the men that rejected and crucified the Lord? Obviously this class of persons is not led by Truth, but by men of position. Such ones never ask, "Is it Truth?" but "By whom is it advocated?" And if it does not come from the channel through which they would have it to come, then, of course, Truth is rejected.

They never stop to think that God is not taking orders from them; that they are not choosing God's servants for Him, and that the General Conference president was elected by men, not because of his authority on the Scriptures, but because of his ability to command; that Truth as never yet originated through him, that whatever Bible truth he himself has ever learned is only that which inspired men of God have taught him. The laity, therefore, have never had greater need to cease from men as they have this day. And if they do not reform, God have pity on them.

It is to be remembered, though, that they are doing this foolish thing only because the ministry has so trained them, only because some ministers are in league with the spirit that was in Korah, Dathan, and Abiram when they aspired to the position of the prophets, although God has not delegated them as such.

Then, too, when a preacher begins broadcasting his good deeds and accomplishments, along with his religious experiences; also when a preacher rubs his eyes and blows his nose unnecessarily as he preaches and endeavors to make his audience start crying;--when you see these things in a preacher, know for certain that he is pulling the wool over the eyes of his listeners, that there is something up his sleeve. I say, when you see a preacher doing these things, he is aiming to enlist your endorsement to something of his own. Beware!

You may peruse the entire Bible, and I assure you that you will not find one of these things practiced by any of the prophets. They never aimed to make God's people sad, but always to rejoice in the Lord.

Take for example Jesus Christ. His work, His mission, was greater and more important than any before Him or after Him. He had religious experience that was worth telling, and if such a procedure would have been beneficial in the work of salvation, He certainly would have taken advantage of it. Instead of preaching Himself, though, He preached the Truth. He never tried to persuade anyone by

talking of Himself. He simply spoke of Bible truth, and gave God, not Himself, the credit. And if anyone can preach repentance and love, He could, but He never tried to play on the emotions of His audience, never tried to set them crying over anything.

No one, moreover, including ourselves, has ever accepted the writing of the prophets on the merits of their goodness, their education, or their personal religious experience. They wrote nothing concerning themselves, and nothing to bolster their office. All who have accepted them, have done so on the merits of their own writings. That is all. They never tried to win converts by what they themselves were or were not. Are they not to this day having success? And is it not the Truth of God that we must be after? The Jews asked for a sign, and the Greeks for wisdom, but God's people of today are asking for both sign and wisdom, rather than for Truth.

Let us, therefore, never forget that the spirit of self-exaltation originated all the evil which we see today, and which is harder at work than ever before. We should not give the Dragon a chance to trap us, and dump us into doom with the "third part of the angels" who took hold of his tail and could not let loose of it. Let us ever remember that--

"The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day." Isa. 2:11. --2 *Timely Greetings, No. 28*

GOD'S SOLUTION TO THE WACO/MOUNTAINDALE CONFLICT

Are you tired of the constant conflict between God's people over a place?--a conflict going on for nearly ten years. What has been the result?

1. Great loss of love among God's people.
2. Loss of spirituality in many and ungodly rivalries.
3. Great confusion in the field.
4. Loss of resources and time.
5. A diversion from the primary work God has given us--preparing ourselves and the church for the sealing and Ezekiel 9--the great and dreadful day of the Lord.
6. Worst of all is the loss of many souls who have abandoned all sides in the confusion.

Is Satan happy over all of this? Indeed! His satanic majesty is jubilant. Over many Davidians he virtually says: "These are my beloved sons in whom I am well pleased." He understands perfectly what the prophet meant by saying:

"Actually, now as in Moses' time, there are occasions when one is at a loss to know whether saints or devils are busily engaged in God's great work." *1 TG.9:13.*

What is Satan's simple strategy? Divide and conquer God's people. In unity there is strength, but "a house divided against itself

cannot stand." He says: "Make other secondary issues a mountain of importance in their minds. Then set them so busy fighting each other over these issues, that they will have less time and money and focus for their most important duty (conquering the church). Let them seek to conquer each other instead, and boast about it.

"Destroy love and trust. Make them quick to misinterpret each others' words and motives and accuse of false doctrines. Fire them with zeal. Make them think that in doing all this (accusing and destroying of each other's influence and work) that they are serving Jesus faithfully and building His kingdom. When one goes to a field and does some work, let the others go behind him and work at cross purposes. This way the 'bridge' they are building to the God of justice will never be built. In short let them 'waste time'. Let them be more guilty of this since they were warned":

"With the end of the long journey in view, the work was never so great, the time in which to do it never so short, and the laborers never so few, as now. Self-evident, therefore, is the fact that Satan's supreme effort at this hour must be to cause the time to be wasted and the work to go undone."

1 Answerer:68.

Beloved, while some may keep pushing this as a salvation issue, let's stop playing Satan's "blame game." Let not the "accuser of the brethren" number us in his army. Let us go directly to God's solution. We **DO NOT NEED MAN'S SOLUTION**. Why not?

Man's solutions are often schemes that are full of hidden agendas. God's solution is absolutely right and just and holy and wise.

WHAT IS GOD'S SOLUTION TO THE DESTRUCTIVE CONFLICT? Here it is--simple but omnipotent:

"If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and heal their land." 2 *Chronicles 7:14*.

What must we do, as individuals, if God is to intervene and stop this destructive conflict. God's people must:

1. "Humble themselves." This means that as God's people we are proud and arrogant. This is the biggest part of the problem. Self is big and powerful and anything but dead.

"In most of the religious controversies the foundation of the trouble is that self is striving for the supremacy. About what? About matters which are not vital points at all, and which are regarded as such only because men have given importance to them. (See *Matt. 12:31-37; Mark 14:56; Luke 5:21; Matt. 9:3*)" TM:70.

2. "And pray". Let's start praying directly to God to stop this time-wasting, Satan-helping conflict. Pray as individuals, pray as groups. Pray everyday about it and watch the Almighty work.

3. "Seek my face". This involves deliberate prayer sessions. Invest some time in this business if you love God's cause. Don't tell God what to do, just ask him to stop the conflict and glorify His name.

4. "Turn from their wicked ways". There are wicked things being done among God's people. Slander, double-crossing, politicking, bribing with higher wages, prevaricating, lying, etc.--all in the name of the Lord to help "conquer the city". Let's confess these things as wickedness and sins before the Lord. Let's do this individually. Ask God to refresh our memories about our own sins--worry not about those of the other side. Confess and turn away from our sins in Jesus' name.

When we do this what will the Great God of Heaven who "cannot lie" do? He gives His never-failing promise: "then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and heal their land."

OH WHAT A MIGHTY SOLUTION IS MADE AVAILABLE TO US! WE CAN STOP THE SELFISH MADNESS! LET GOD'S BRIDGE BE BUILT BY RIGHTEOUS MEN--WHO ARE NOT WORKING AT CROSS-PURPOSES.

"Christians are working at cross-purposes among themselves. One Christian brother is

betraying another. Christian ministers, rather than preaching the Truth, are preaching against one another. One goes ahead to build up, and another trails behind to tear down. They do not see eye to eye; nor do they understand one another even as much as did the confused tower-builders.

“Just so long as such selfishness and dishonesty, confusion and animosity, exist among Christians, their bridge and their tower, so to speak, will come to naught as certainly as did the bridge of the six covenant-breakers and as did the tower of the prophet Noah’s mockers.” *1 TG. 14:15.*

Can we do these things and expect to “conquer the city”? Does Christ ever seek to force men to unite with Him? Does not Davidia need healing today, brethren? Do we not need forgiveness, love and healing more than ever before? Then let us as individuals start praying on this very matter! Do not wait for any man’s solution. Call daily upon the Omnipotent One.

Watch, beloved, watch. Watch and see how speedily the Almighty will work and defeat Satan. “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” “Again I say unto you, if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.” *Matt. 18:19*

“If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and heal their land.”

Stop, listen, think. Check up on yourselves. It will be well worth your time and your energy. Find out who you are, what you are, and where you are.” *1 TG. 9:13.*

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“God’s people are to keep His commandments, discarding all worldly policy. Having adopted right principles of action, they are to reverence these principles; for they are heaven-born. Obedience to God is of more value to you than gold or silver. Yoking up with Christ, learning His meekness and lowliness, cuts short many a conflict; for when the enemy comes in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord lifts up a standard against him.”
--*Testimonies, Vol. 8:95.*

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem;

Praise thy God, O Zion.

**For he hath strengthened the bars
of thy gates; he hath blessed
thy children within thee.**

**He maketh peace in thy borders,
and filleth thee with the finest wheat.**

**He sendeth forth his
commandment upon the earth:
his word runneth very swiftly.**

**He giveth snow like wool:
he scattereth the hoarfrost
like ashes.**

**He casteth forth his ice
like morsels;
who can stand before his cold?**

**He sendeth out his word,
and melteth them:
he causeth his wind to blow....**

Praise ye the Lord.

Psalms 147:12-18, 20.

DLI 2000

D.L.I.! D.L.I.! D.L.I.! The more we hear it the better it sounds. Yes, it is almost here again--our spirit-filled international training class for persons desirous of "conquering the city" in the name of Jesus Christ. It is time to prepare for D.L.I. 2000. Are you ready?

We have exciting news for you! This year we are not only scheduled to have our regular D.L.I. class at Mountindale, N.Y., but we are also conducting one in Africa which began in February, and one in Trinidad scheduled to begin in August just after Session 2000. Oh, say "Praise the Lord, brethren." Say it loud and clear: "Praise the Lord."

In these trying and troublous times when Inspiration says, "The world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis," is it not important that God's people do not lose their God-given focus and stop wasting time with side issues?! We think so! We like to check our map of Inspiration regularly on our long journey to the Kingdom and make sure we are still on the right highway, and not on some side boulevard.

"Of necessity, then, Mt. Carmel Center is being built as a base of operations for training and fitting workers to carry this special message to the church; for educating deserving youth;..." *3 Ans. 64.*

Let us be faithful, beloved to our inspired objectives. Let us get excited about the classes--our "School of the Prophets." You are invited to prepare and attend either the New York or Trinidad class. New York's class: June - October. Trinidad's class: mid August to Mid November. The three month class will be more intense, but complete.

Yes, get excited brother, get excited sister. Start your preparations immediately. You must complete the specified set of reading and apply for your membership card before you can be considered. Time goes fast. Begin immediately in the name of the Lord. Remember, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Deadline for New York applicants is April 30th. Deadline for Trinidad applicants is June 30th. Those who apply late may have to wait until another year. So please respond promptly.

Until then, may God bless you all.

**Praise ye the Lord.
Praise the Lord, O my soul.
While I live will I praise the Lord:
I will sing praises unto my God
while I have any being.
Happy is he that hath the God
of Jacob for his help,
whose hope is in the Lord his God...
The Lord shall reign for ever,
even thy God, O Zion,
unto all generations.
Praise ye the Lord.
Ps. 146:1,2,5,10.**

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

We would like to give an update on our past travels. We quit our jobs last June, 1998 having decided to go full time as self supporting Bible workers. The Lord has blessed us and has opened many doors for us to share our faith. We had the privilege of going to Nebraska last summer and to stay there to study for over two months with a group of interested souls. Seven new members embraced Present Truth from that endeavor. The Lord brought us back there this summer for two more months and the group is now almost double in size with the potential of growing even further. Those who took their stand for truth last year have since been disfellowshipped, but the Lord is rewarding their stand in a mighty way. They need our continued prayers as they labor faithfully for Him.

We also had the privilege of going to Florida for the winter where we were able to share tapes and literature with a pastor of a small church. He has written us a couple of times and loved the tapes and videos that we left with him. We also studied with another brother who had come across a tape and liked what he heard and wanted more. It was a joy to see him also embrace the truth.

Additionally, we had the great joy of going to South Carolina to meet and study with others already familiar with the Davidian message. We learned quite a bit of history from them and were made to feel like family. We especially want to remember

them in our prayers as the Holy Spirit is convicting them to take a firmer stand for the truth.

We saw Br. and Sr. Smith, while down there along with Br. and Sr. Green. I always count it a joy to be with some of the old time Davidians and get just a glimpse of how it was when the message was first starting.

It has been almost 70 years and we still are not yet in the Kingdom. Time is running out and we have seen the Holy Spirit stirring hearts all around and opening doors for us to share our faith. It has been a very rewarding year for us and we ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers as we labor for the Master.

In His service,
Br. Chuck and Sr. Carolyn Thomson

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Greetings fellow believers of Present Truth. The following is a brief report of some of the work that has been going on in the Spanish and English fields. We have been working in the central states, the northwest, Mexico and California.

We thank God for the privilege and opportunity of having a part to act in this great work. A wonderful group in the central states has enthusiastically embraced Present Truth, and has zealously been proclaiming to their friends this precious message. Also in the northwest there has been some activity. We thank God that in

Idaho a family has accepted the *Shepherd's Rod* message. The sister has been reading the material and preparing herself and studying because she noticed the indifference of the brethren in knowing the things of God, "yea the deep things of God." *1 Cor. 2:10*. The work there is continuing.

We then journeyed to Canada, B.C. where we studied with a sister and her family for two weeks. Every day the sister would want 3 to 4 studies. She was very eager to know as much as she could of this message. She has recently written to us that others have been studying the truth as she has been sharing the studies with them. However, the opposition tries to hide the truth. In her words "they cannot hide the sun, with their thumbs." It is impossible to keep the truth from the laity. All will know there is a message to God's church!

After our stay in Canada we returned to Idaho to do follow up work and to solidify the family that we had stayed with. We had a blessed time. Afterwards we went to Oregon to stay with a family that had studied the message in California, but had moved to that part of the country.

We gave the studies that they had not received and gave them complete sets of literature and small charts. We found this group enthusiastic researchers because they did not have the material, yet they did what they could and accessed the computer/Internet and downloaded what they could. These brothers were so enthusiastic they would stay up whole

nights studying and sharing among themselves. These are just a few examples of our experiences. May we get ready, "for He (God) will finish the work in righteousness; because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." *Rom. 9:28*.

May our Lord help us to gather the precious souls to give this manna from heaven to every one grass in the field "one by one" *Isa. 27:12*.

Your brother and sister in Christ,
Adrian and Cynthia Prado

**Praise ye the Lord.
Praise the Lord
from the heavens:
Praise him in the heights.
Praise ye him, all his angels:
Praise ye him, all his hosts.
Praise ye him, sun and moon:
Praise him, all ye stars of light.
Praise him, ye heavens of heavens.
Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for he commanded, and
they were created.
He hath also stablished them
for ever and ever:
He hath made a decree
which shall not pass.
Praise the Lord from the earth,
ye dragons, and all deeps:
Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours;
stormy wind fulfilling his word:
Mountains, and all hills;
fruitful trees, and all cedars:
Both young men, and maidens;
old men, and children....
Ps. 148:1-9,12.**

FLESH AND BLOOD HATH NOT DONE THE WORK

Blessed art thou Oh Trinidad, flesh and blood hath not done the work in thee, but our Father which is in heaven.

"Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works toward the children of men."

While God has been blessing the work in many parts of His global vineyard, we are especially grateful for his rich blessings on the work in the Caribbean. Visits were made last year to several of these islands including Grenada, Barbados, St. Vincent, St. Lucia and Trinidad. But Trinidad has been especially blessed.

For many years this beautiful and strategic island has been a major battlefield. Present truth has had to contend with many enemies especially within the Rod itself. Yes, some of its worst enemies have ironically been those claiming to believe and defend the message but whose lives denied Jesus and the Truth.

Again Trinidad swarms with Jesuits. The reason for this is that the Adventist college (C.U.C.) is there. It is a large Caribbean center for Seventh-day Adventists. As a result every wind of doctrine blows in this country. The most heretical doctrines, doctrines of demons, doctrines of Fordites, Jesuits, Brimsmead, etc. all are there creating winds, waves and whirlwinds. Their advocates are also men with the cunning of the first great deceiver.

But thank God for the Rod. Like it, there is no other. Armed with the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit in the meekness of Christ, it is invincible--and none is able to stand before it.

Two of our workers, Br. Patrick Bridgewater and Br. E. Stanford have been doing much faithful work there, attended by God's richest blessings. Oh what confrontations they had with the advocates of these various winds of doctrines. The new popular theology of the Jesuits undermines every pillar of the Adventist faith--including the Sabbath and the Sanctuary. But praise be to our God in heaven above, He gave us the victory in all these confrontations.

And there is more. A six-week Present Truth (Rod) Seminar was held there a few months ago, by Brethern Bridgewater and Stanford. It was very well attended. Despite the great and grave ravages done by the enemies of the Rod, it was well received by most. Many are now rejoicing in the Elijah message. Praise the Lord.

Has Satan been inactive? By no means. Problems arose in all directions, but through prayer and faith and faithful efforts from his servants, the Lord gave precious victories. You may be pleased to know that one of our best teachers was formerly a prominent member of the Bashan group. God is really gathering his sincere, truth-loving children under His own heavenly banner.

By God's grace a center will soon be built in Trinidad to train and educate workers and spread the gospel of health as the right arm of the third angel's message.

Please join us in prayer, beloved brethren. Join us in praise to the mighty God of Israel. Pray that all our plans succeed not only for Trinidad and other Caribbean islands, but for the entire world field.

In closing we say, "O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for his wonderful works toward the children of men."

"Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off." Nahum 1:15.

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Inspiration says: "At the eleventh hour, when the work grows harder and the people are more hardened, there will be a variety of talent brought in. These workers will prove faithful and receive their penny. Sacrificing men will step into the places made vacant by those who would not be fitted for a place in the heavenly temple. These resources will continue to come in. The Lord will provide openings and facilities. He will call upon the youth to fill up the places made vacant by deaths and apostasies. He will give young men and women, as well as those who are older, the cooperation of the heavenly intelligences. They will have converted characters,

converted minds, converted hands, converted feet, and converted tongues. Their lips will be touched with a living coal from the divine altar. If they will learn the lesson of walking humbly before God, if they will not seek to invent new plans, but will do that which the Lord has appointed them to do, they will be enabled to carry God's plan onward and upward..." --10
Manuscript Releases, p. 170.

LAST CALL TO THE KINGDOM

Last call to the kingdom,
what are you doing now?
Hopefully watching and waiting,
so faithful you can be found.
Last call to the kingdom,
who dares to enter it
without the wedding garment?
Last call to the kingdom,
heed the warning of His call.
Today is the day of salvation,
come follow Him and forsake all.
Last call to the kingdom,
all idols must be put away.
Come and confess your sins,
and repent of all your ways.
Last call to the kingdom,
do you know what time it is?
Close to the end of the Assyrian yolk,
it's time for only surrendering.
Last call to the kingdom,
don't miss this great opportunity.
Last call to the kingdom,
may you and I be counted worthy!
--Wanda Ayala

SESSION 2000 - FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The year 2000's Session will be held at the General Headquarters, Mt. Carmel Center, Mountain Dale, New York, beginning on July 28 and continuing through August 13th. The meetings will focus on Religious, business and social activities.

We are encouraging all members to plan to attend this most important Session as we entreat the Lord for direction for His work for the year 2000 and beyond.

Areas and branches are asked to review 1998 Session by-laws and begin preparation to elect delegates. Please submit items for the agenda now. We encourage you to make spiritual preparation for this Session. May the Lord bless you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are pleased to announce that we now have available the following **NEW** Bible studies on audio tapes:

The World Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. Dan.7; Rev. 13:1-10. Tape 1.

The World Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. Rev. 13:11-18. Tape 2.

The World Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. Rev. 17. Tape 3.

The Church and the Dragon, Rev. 12.

If you need any of these resources please contact the office and make your request.

THE MAIL BAG

Dear Sir/Madam:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Recently I was listening to a tape by pastor A. Anthony Hibert. I was amazed at the way he explained Zechariah 6. I would be grateful if you would send me some information on how I may order any of these tapes: *Daniel and the Revelation; 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Hebrews, Romans, Job, The Sanctuary* or any book of the Bible that he has on tape.

May God continue to bless you and keep on spreading the word of God. Thanks!

BROOKLYN NEW YORK, USA

Dear Brethren:

I have been in deep study over your message. I would like you to answer a few questions. Sis. White said that the time of trouble was a time of spiritual anguish for the people of God. How does this fit in with the slaughter of Ezekiel 9? Also, when the Saviour comes he will take his people to reign with him a thousand years. How does this fit in with the immediate kingdom

spoken of in the *Shepherd's Rod*? Why do you call the Spirit of Prophecy the Golden Bowl? I think you are the "children of light" and were sent here to give this message to the Seventh-day Adventist church. Thank you so very much!

Via - E-mail USA

Dear Mr./Miss:

I have been studying with a brother from the *Shepherd's Rod* organization and love the studies. I would like to get all the information and how to get them and the price of all. I am looking forward to get this information.

ST. LUCIA, WEST INDIES

Dear Sir:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many thanks for sending me the tracts and tapes. I am very grateful for your special concern. After I read the tracts I will try to pass them to others. Nothing in this world makes us happier than when Christians remember one another and try to fulfill the words of Christ in Matthew 25:40.

Soon and very soon, our God is coming. Jesus is coming to restore the dominion lost by Adam and Eve so long ago. May all of us, together be a part of his kingdom and be ready for that glorious moment when our Saviour returns.

ETHIOPIA

Dear Brethren in Christ:

I read your booklet, *The Symbolic Code*, from a friend and the messages inside inspired me a great deal. May you kindly add my name on the mailing list.

Secondly, I am earnestly requesting for all your literature which you may have. I am a school teacher by profession and at the same time I teach the Junior Class at our SDA church. I would be grateful to receive the materials since we lack religious materials in our locality.

May the Lord Almighty bless and add to you abundantly as you spread the work of God around the world.

ZAMBIA, CENTRAL AFRICA

Dear Brethren:

I greet you all in the Lord's name. May his name be praised for the wonderful job you are all doing. I got to know this address from the Internet and I too am a fellow believer of the *Shepherd's Rod* message. Currently I'm residing in South Africa though I'm Ugandan by nationality. Please send me any updates on what I should know. I will be most grateful.

SOUTH AFRICA

Brethren:

I would like to thank you for the last tape you sent me. Your tapes are excellent. I

would also like to get some studies because I really want to learn more and feel there is work for me to accomplish. Would also like to get video tapes on the 144,000. These tapes have helped me to understand the Lord's plan for His people.

God bless you as you keep up the good work for the Lord.

CONNECTICUT, USA

Dear Friends:

Grace and peace to you in our blessed Saviour's name. I hope that all is well with you; on my side I am well too. I am twenty one years old and am a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. I received the information about the Association, that its aim is to call for revival and reformation within the SDA church and also its your privilege to always be of service to God's children.

I desire to read more literature and books in regard to this revival and reformation so I notify you to please send me this literature. I hope that my request will be heard. God bless you.

TANZANIA, EAST AFRICA

Dear Sir/Madam:

I hereby request a set of religious audio tapes that include a tape of Daniel 2. I write because my interest was aroused by one

study I had when I listened to one of your tapes. I also request information leading to how I can access books quoted in that study. I hope my request will be considered favorably.

ZAMBIA, CENTRAL AFRICA

Dear Sirs:

I am a Zambian Seventh-day Adventist studying here in the Netherlands--up to June of this year.

I would like to receive your prophecy tapes and other spiritual materials that you can afford. I came across your tapes, *The 11th Hour Labourers*" and *Who Are the 144,000?* I was so amazed by the interpretation I got; and the facts were too true to be challenged. What an eye opener!

Please send me more materials and if you have an E-mail address I would like to have it. My E-mail is _____ . Blessed by your ministry.

THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS

Brethren:

I am so thankful to our heavenly Father, that His work is moving through Africa and many people have embraced the truth. Also blessings to the brethren who went to Africa to share the message of the *Shepherd's Rod*.

Continue to remember me in prayer as I strive to remain strong in the *Rod* message. I thank God for his strength and the health

message. Please send me literature, especially *The Entering Wedge* and others

CANADA

Brothers and Sisters:

Greetings to you at the General Association of DSDA. We are the _____ family and accepted the message of the *Shepherd's Rod* in 1995 while we were in Israel. Life has not been the same for us, but just the same we rejoice in all bad and good alike

We are self-supporting missionaries and have been since April of '92. Therefore, we have both dedicated our lives in service to God's work wholeheartedly. We would like to know more about the Association and how we may enter into the Lord's work.

We would like to know if there are any Davidian members in this area. We gladly welcome any one of the SDA faith who is open for fellowship or Bible studies to drop by or vice versa.

TENNESSEE, USA

Dear Brothers:

What a thrill to know that God has a people through which he will be glorified! I keep reading Br. Houteff's writings more than anything else. Now I realize that all those brothers belonging to other churches like (Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Protestant) are attempting to understand the secrets of the Bible by private and fruitless interpretations of the

Scriptures. What a pity! They do not know that whatever message God wants to communicate, will be done only through his mouthpiece (prophets). Our spiritual being will perish without God's appointed prophet.

Br. Houteff's teachings are so clear, so plain, so deep, so convincing and such a blessing that to reject it means to prefer darkness rather than light; to prefer death rather than life, to prefer the Devil rather than God.

Oh, thank you very much indeed. I want to remind you that I would like to be a part of your group. I have determined to continue feeding from the truth. It has really touched the most sensitive part of my heart and has changed completely my way of thinking and living. Thanks very much!

AFRICA

**Blessed is he that
considereth the poor:
the Lord will deliver him in
time of trouble.
The Lord will preserve him,
and keep him alive;
and he shall be blessed upon
the earth:
and thou will not deliver him
unto the will of his enemies.
The Lord will strengthen him
upon the bed of languishing:
thou wilt make all his bed
in his sickness.
Ps. 41:1-3.**

THE GOSPEL OF HEALTH

Vegetarians in Better Shape

A recent study funded by the Australian Meat Corporation, found that vegetarians and vegans are in much better shape than meat eaters: They're less likely to be overweight, have high blood pressure or high cholesterol.

Published in the *European Journal of Clinical Nutrition* (February 1999), the study's purpose was to assess the frequency of blood clots--known to be a major predictor of heart disease--in meat eaters compared with vegetarians.

Not surprisingly, the vegetarians exhibited far fewer risk factors for heart disease. But the researchers did uncover something noteworthy. Tests indicated that the vegetarians' blood was low in alpha-linoleic acid (ALA), commonly found in meat and fish. This can present certain problems, but it is known that meat isn't the only--or even the best--source of ALA. Vegetarians can reap the benefits of this important fatty acid by including flaxseed oil, soybeans and soy products, walnuts (a very rich source), pumpkin seeds and an abundance of leafy green vegetables in their diets.
--*Vegetarian Times*, March 2000.

The "Genesis diet" continues to prove itself ideal for the human family. See Genesis 1:29 and 3:18.

Eating Between Meals

X-ray studies have been conducted to determine the emptying time of the normal stomach. Anything remaining in the stomach 5 hours after a meal is abnormal. The stomach usually empties itself in 2 1/2 to 4 hours. Series of test have been run in which persons have been given routine breakfasts consisting of cereal and cream, bread, cooked fruit, and an egg. These stomachs were X-rayed and found to be emptied normally in less than 4 1/2 hours.

A few days later these same persons were given the same type of breakfast. Two hours after breakfast one had an ice cream cone. He was found to have residues in his stomach after 6 hours. Another was given a peanut butter sandwich two hours after breakfast. He was found to have residues after 9 hours. A third was given a piece of pumpkin pie and a glass of milk two hours after breakfast. He was observed to have a large amount of residue after 9 hours. The fourth was given a half slice of bread and butter 1 1/2 hours after breakfast, repeated every 1 1/2 hours thereafter, but no dinner. It was found that more than half of his breakfast was still in his stomach after 9 hours.

The fifth subject was given a routine breakfast at 8:00 in the morning. Twice during the morning and twice during the

afternoon a bit of chocolate candy was given. At 9:30 that night, 13 1/2 hours after breakfast, more than one-half of the morning meal was still in the stomach.

It has been found that even a little peanut nibbling delays digestion to the extent that 11 hours after breakfast there is still a large residue left in the stomach. This sort of routine insults the human mechanism, destroys its normal function, and lessens the efficiency of mind, body, and emotions. Many of the chemicals produced during partial digestion are toxic, such as aldehydes, alcohols, and esters. These cause an intoxication of brain, liver, kidneys, and other delicate tissues.

Probably the key to regularity in eating lies in having a good breakfast. When the morning meal is omitted, one tends to become hungry before noon, and resorts to a snack. The snack slackens the appetite for lunch, less is eaten, but before long hunger returns. Snacking in the afternoon seems to be the logical solution. There is no desire for food at 6:00 so dinner is delayed until later. Then there may be more snacking before retiring. At bedtime much food remains only partially digested to prevent the digestive organs from benefiting from the sleep. One arises, having slept the sleep of the drugged, but unrefreshed.

The best routine is to eat breakfast within three hours of arising, wait at least five hours before having lunch, and preferably six to 7 hours. Again, wait five hours before supper, and have a light

supper of fruit and grains, taken several hours before bedtime. If at all possible the third meal, even though only of fruit and grain, should be omitted entirely. It may take several months (up to six) to develop the habit of omitting the evening meal. Those who have the stamina to persist will find it a great benefit to the life to have the extra strength which would be expended in digesting the third meal. --*The Missing Link*, by Dr. Jay M. Hoffman

Inspiration says: "In many cases the faintness that leads to a desire for food is felt because the digestive organs have been too severely taxed during the day. After disposing of one meal, the digestive organs need rest. At least 5 or 6 hours should intervene between the meals...." *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, p. 173.

"I am astonished to learn that, after all the light that has been given in this place, many of you eat between meals! You should never let a morsel pass your lips between your regular meals. Eat what you ought, but eat it at one meal, and then wait until the next." *Ibid.* p. 180.

"Three meals a day and nothing between meals--not even an apple--should be the utmost limit of indulgence. Those who go further violate nature's laws and will suffer the penalty." --*CDF:182*

THE MIRACLE BERRY

The amazing little blueberry has emerged as nature's number one source of antioxidants among fresh fruits and vegetables.

In tests at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University in Boston, blueberries beat out 39 other common fruits and vegetables in antioxidant power--even such heavyweights as kale, strawberries, spinach, and broccoli. Much of that power comes literally "out of the blue"--from anthocyanins, the pigments that give blueberries their deep blue hue. Blueberries are bursting with them.

So impressed is Ronald Prior, Ph.D., head of the USDA Phytochemical Laboratory at Tufts and the scientist who discovered the secret power of blueberries, that he now recommends adding 1/2 cup of blueberries to the diet every day. "With 1/2 cup of blueberries, you can just about double the amount of antioxidants most Americans get in one day. If you want to slow down the free radical aging process, blueberries are the leader of the pack," he says.

Every second of our lives, our cells are bombarded by dangerous particles called free radicals. They can alter our DNA in ways that cause cancer. Or change LDL cholesterol (the bad cholesterol) so it sticks to artery walls. Or damage collagen and make skin

wrinkle-prone. Over time, these kinds of changes can accelerate the aging process. Fortunately, we can fight back with antioxidants--the natural zappers of free radicals--by eating lots of fruits and vegetables. And blueberries are emerging as the king of the antioxidants.

Just like their cousin the cranberry, blueberries contain compounds that can prevent urinary tract infections (UTIs). Called condensed tannins, they can keep the bacteria responsible for UTIs from attaching to the wall of the bladder.

In Japan, blueberries are known as "the vision fruit"--reputed to help relieve eyestrain--and blueberry sales there have quadrupled in the last several years. European blueberries (bilberries) have been shown to improve night vision and help eyes adjust to bright lights.

The most intriguing news about blueberries is that there's a possibility they can actually *reverse* the loss of short-term memory that happens as we age. This according to James Joseph, Ph.D., a USDA scientist at Tufts, who along with his family has begun eating blueberries regularly.

Strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries, as well as other colorful fruits and vegetables--are also loaded with antiaging antioxidants and healing nutrients and should form a major part of a healthful diet. --Adapted from *Prevention*, June 1999.

YOUNG

World

ONWARD AND UPWARD

God has given the youth a ladder to climb, a ladder that reaches from earth to heaven. Above this ladder is God, and on every round fall the bright beams of His glory. He is watching those who are climbing, ready, when the grasp relaxes and the steps falter, to send help. Yes, tell it in words full to cheer, that no one who perseveringly climbs the ladder will fail of gaining an entrance into the heavenly city.

Satan presents many temptations to the youth. He is playing the game of life for their souls, and he leaves no means untried to allure and ruin them. But God does not leave them to fight unaided against the tempter. They have an all-powerful Helper.

Stronger far than their foe is He who in this world and in human nature met and conquered Satan, resisting every temptation that comes to the youth today. He is their Elder Brother. He feels for them a deep and tender interest. He keeps over them a constant watch-care, and He rejoices when they try to please Him. As they pray, He mingles with their prayers the incense of His righteousness and offers them to God as a fragrant sacrifice. In His strength the youth can endure hardness as good soldiers of the cross. Strengthened with His might they are enabled to reach the high ideals before them. The sacrifice made on

Calvary is the pledge of their victory....

Character does not come by chance. It is not determined by one outburst of temper, one step in the wrong direction. It is the repetition of the act that causes it to become habit, and molds the character either for good or for evil. Right characters can be formed only by persevering, untiring effort, by improving every intrusted talent and capability to the glory of God. Instead of doing this, many allow themselves to drift wherever impulse or circumstances may carry them. This is not because they are lacking in good material, but because they do not realize that in their youth God wants them to do their very best.

If the youth today would stand as Daniel stood, they must put to the stretch every spiritual nerve and muscle. The Lord does not desire that they shall remain novices. He wishes them to reach the highest point of excellence. He desires them to reach the very highest round of the ladder, that they may step from it into the kingdom of God.
--*Messages To Young People*, pp. 95-96, 163-164.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou halt say, I have no pleasure in them.
--*Ecclesiastes 12:1.*

HEART TO HEART

Br. Peter Williams

To the young at heart toiling in the field of the Master, especially, to the **TEENAGERS** amongst us who are misunderstood, misconstrued, and at times neglected. Even those who have erred in the face of strong warnings or maybe you have been obedient like Joseph and Daniel of old. My first intimation is to say: "Ever remember that Jesus is your helper. No one understands as well as He your peculiarities of character. He is watching over you, and if you are willing to be guided by Him, He will throw around you influences for good that will enable you to accomplish all his will for you." *Messages To Young People, p. 17.*

Young brothers and sisters, these series of articles will seek foremost to establish that we love you as Christ loves you. All your trials, misgivings, disputes, anger, disappointments, confused concepts, we will seek to address as far as possible.

You can communicate with us **CONFIDENTIALLY**. When you write, please remember, no gossip, but count on us to point you to the lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. It is also possible to ask us questions on doctrine, and life issues, especially in reference to the modern day complex Christian walk. I say with full assurance of faith in Christ, "we have not followed cunningly devised fables". *2 Peter 1:16.*

"The youth have been brought with an infinite price, even the blood of the Son of God. Consider the sacrifice of the Father in permitting His Son to make this sacrifice. Consider what Christ gave up when he left the courts of heaven and the royal throne...to have the life that measures with the life of God." *MYP:16-17.*

"Every human being created in the image of God, is endowed with a power akin to that of the Creator—individuality; power to think and to do. It is the work of true education to develop this power... ." *Education, p. 17.*

Until next time, may the Lord bless and keep you as the apple of His eye.

P.S. Assign yourself one book of Inspiration to read every two weeks (i.e. you should finish 2 books every month). I am presently reading the book *Education*, by Sister White.

Note: Your questions with the answers may be shared in this forum as a means of helping other young people who may be having a similar experience. However, your privacy will always be protected. We will always change the name of the person and where the letter was sent in order to accomplish this goal.

Please address your letters to:
Heart to Heart
C/O Mt. Carmel Center
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RIDDLES

Who was the first man in the Bible to put forth a riddle? (Judges 14:12).

Do you know the answers to the following:

1. What did the bee say to the flower?
2. What happens when you throw a green rock into the Red Sea?
3. What is best to put on a sandwich?
4. What sea animal can sing the best?

**LEARN
TO
STUDY
THE BIBLE**

BIBLE JEWEL

1. What are the names of Jesus' disciples? (Matt. 10:2-4)
2. What was the sign that the Lord would heal Hezekiah? (2 Kings 20:10)
3. How old was Manasseh when he began to reign? (2 Kings 21:1)
4. How old was Josiah when he began to reign? (2 Kings 22:1)
5. What was the name of Josiah's mother? (2 Kings 22:1)

**"THE BIBLE
THAT THE DEVIL
DOESN'T FEAR IS
ONE WITH DUST ON IT."**

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**"THE BIBLE WILL KEEP
YOU FROM SIN OR SIN WILL
KEEP YOU FROM THE BIBLE"
D.L. Moody**

PEN PALS: Those who would like to communicate with a fellow believer can send a letter to the office including your name, mailing address, e-mail address (if you have one), age, and share some of your interests. The office will match you with someone with similar interests.

Pen pals, of course, are not just for the young. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Answers to Riddles. 1. What time do you open. 2. It gets wet. 3. Your teeth. 4. An octopus.

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