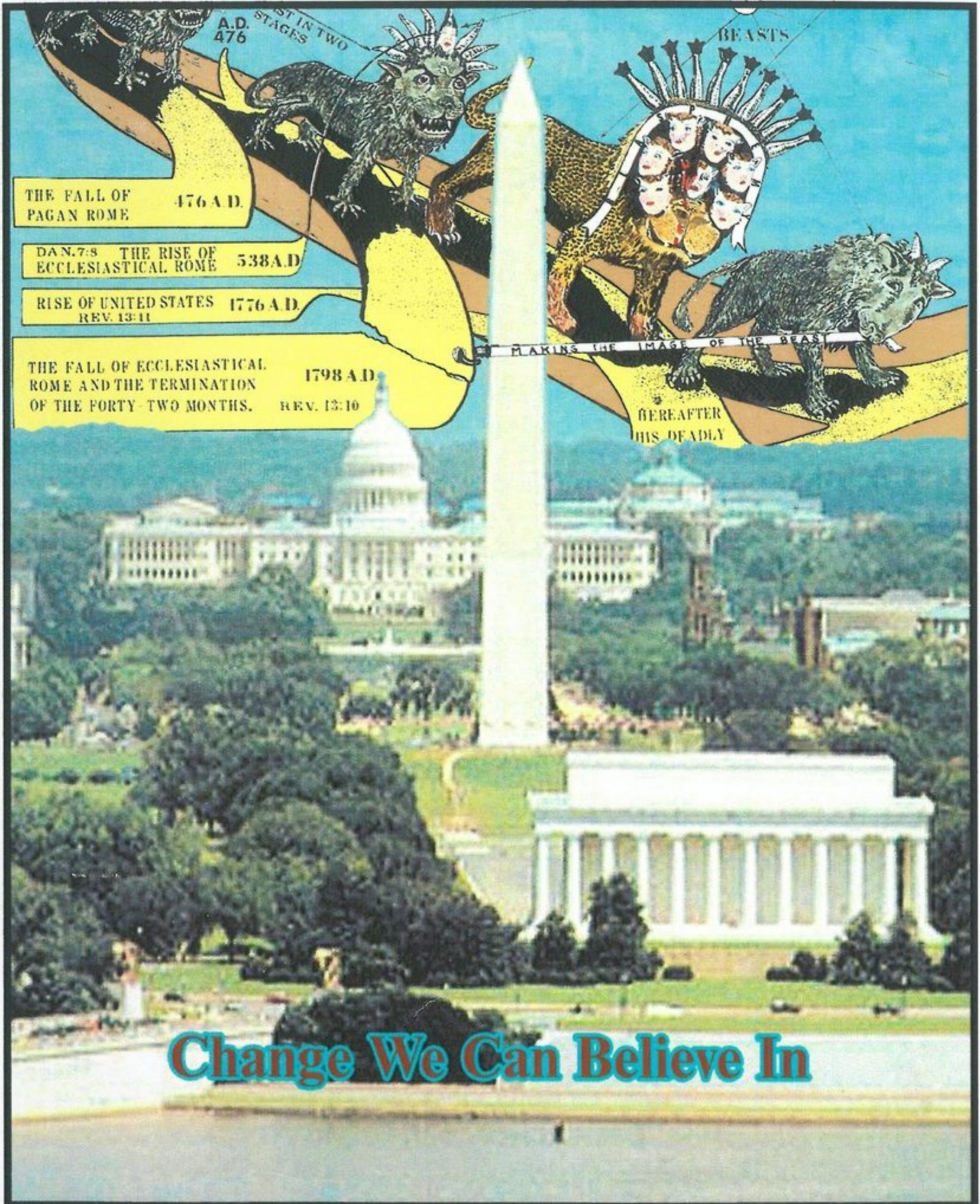


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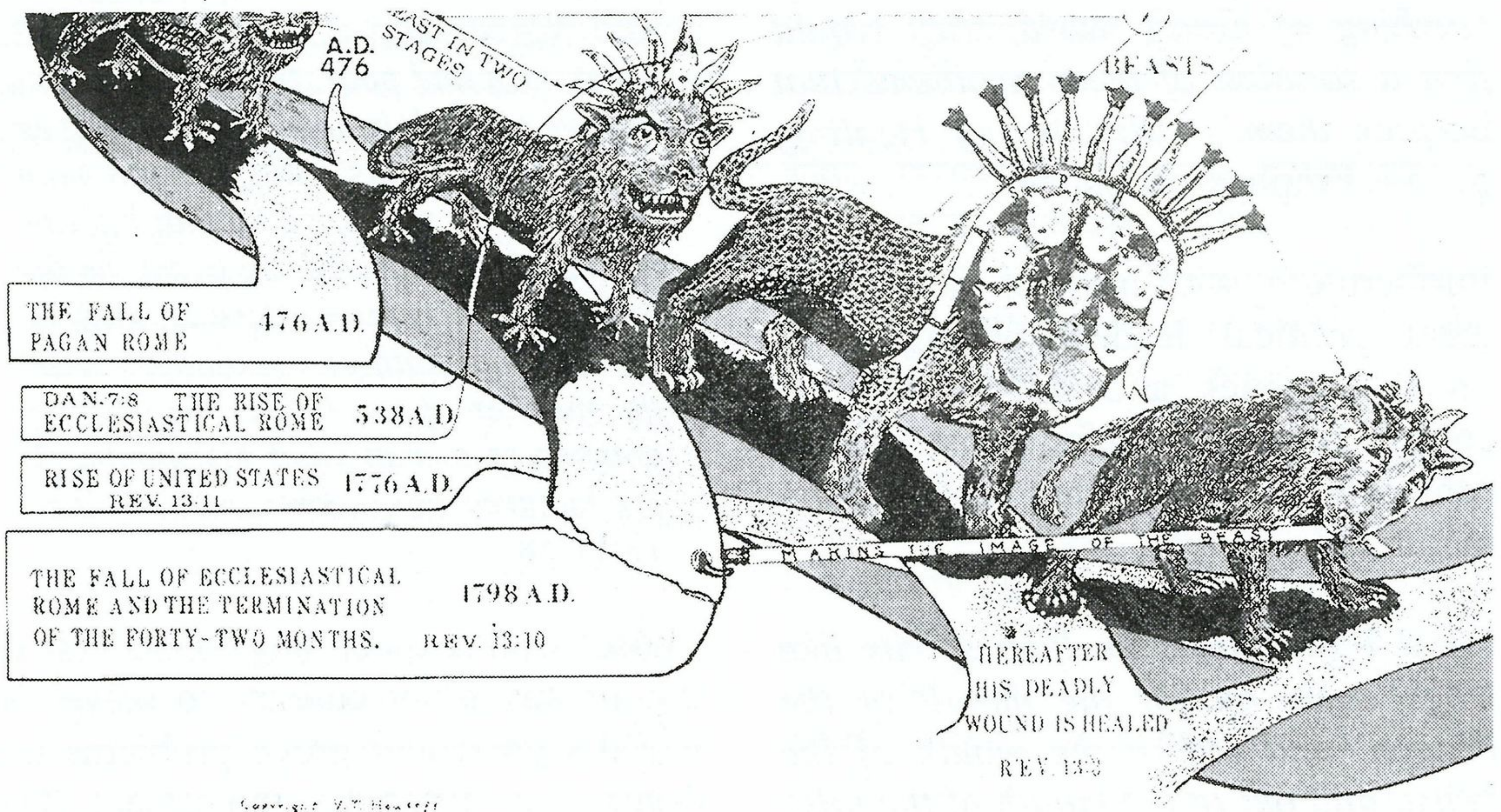


'If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.' 2 Corinthians 5:17. Through the power of Christ, men and women have broken the chains of sinful habit. They have renounced selfishness. The profane have become reverent, the drunken sober, the profligate pure. Souls that have borne the likeness of Satan have become transformed into the image of God. This change is in itself the miracle of miracles. A change wrought by the Word, it is one of the deepest mysteries of the Word. We cannot understand it; we can only believe, as declared by the Scriptures, it is 'Christ in you, the hope of glory.'

'When the Spirit of God controls mind and heart, the converted soul breaks forth into a new song; for he realizes that in his experience the promise of God has been fulfilled, that his transgression has been forgiven, his sin covered. He has exercised repentance toward God for the violation of the divine law, and faith toward Christ, who died for man's justification. 'Being justified by faith,' he has 'peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.' Romans 5:1.

'But because this experience is his, the Christian is not therefore to fold his hands, content with that which has been accomplished for him. He who has determined to enter the spiritual kingdom will find that all the powers and passions of unregenerate nature, backed by the forces of the kingdom of darkness, are arrayed against him. Each day he must renew his consecration, each day do battle with evil. Old habits, hereditary tendencies to wrong, will strive for the mastery, and against these he is to be ever on guard, striving in Christ's strength for victory.—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 476.1-3

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CHANGE WE CAN BELIEVE IN

“YES WE CAN! Yes we can!”
“Change We Can Believe In!” These words and sentiments for months and soul-stirring months, have echoed, re-echoed and reverberated throughout the United States (nay, throughout the world), climaxing in one of the most brilliant, successful and very historic campaigns the country has ever seen. Indeed who would have thought that a black man could be president of the United States in our lifetime!

Doubtless, with profound emotion, we have witnessed **changes** this year — changes both good and bad, as for example, in the country and world’s present and serious economic depression. But will Obama be able to solve America’s and the world’s problems?

Though he may try his best and achieve many goals, from the more sure word of prophecy, we know that the answer is a resounding, no.

Speaking of the formidable and perplexing problems that face the world’s great leaders today, the Spirit of Prophecy observes:

“There are not many, even among educators and statesmen, who comprehend the causes that underlie the present state of society. Those who hold the reins of government are unable to solve the problem of poverty, pauperism, and increasing crime. They are struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis. If men would give more heed to the

teaching of God's word, they would find a solution of these problems that perplex them."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 184. Emphasis supplied.

Furthermore, with most of the world's great political leaders belonging to secret societies and thus under the control of fallen spirits, what change can we expect! What a sobering picture!

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings [great leaders] of the earth and of the whole world...."
Rev. 16:13,14

Will the new president be a major agent of change? Will he hasten or retard the fulfillment of the New World Order/Mark of the Beast prophecy below? Time will tell. But here is one thing we know for sure: "heaven and earth shall pass away" but not the "more sure" (2 Peter 1:19) word of bible prophecy. Here is it:

"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed...."

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six." Rev. 13:11-18.

Those who expect any president of this or any other country to solve the world's great and grave problems are destined to bitter disappointment. The world is trembling on the verge of a "stupendous crisis" according to Inspiration.

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." 2 Ti 3:1-5.

Is there any positive and significant change we can count on?

But there is good news, very good news of the only Man and the only people who are destined to CHANGE THE WORLD—to effect the celestial

changes that our hearts and souls nostalgically sigh and cry for. Here is the bright picture:

“A great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. “A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run. Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array. Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness. They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks: . . . Joel 2.

“Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee....And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. 7 And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations. 8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke

of his people shall he take away from off all the earth:” Isa 25:3-8

Yes, beloved, we are speaking of changes on this earth, this sinful earth before the coming Millennium that is to be spent with our Lord in the mansions above. We praise God for this great and strong people, the likes of whom, the world has never seen, even the 144,000. We glorify God for this army of his that will meet and bring down the antitypical Goliath—the New World Order, or Mark of the Beast system. Truly how wonderful the words of Joel as he describes this people who will really change the world, such as no earthly president can:

“Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded. 9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. 10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?” Joel 2:3-18

Brothers and sisters, do we really have the faith to believe in these **changes**? Are we exercising faith in these “exceeding great precious promises” (2 Peter 1:4) of Jehovah? Are we looking forward to these changes we can assuredly count on, as the people to whom all the covenant promises shall be fulfilled! *Prophets and Kings*, p. 713, 714.

“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.” Dan. 2:44.

“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice’ den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.” Isa. 11:6-9.

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Still speaking of change, here is another—glorious and dreadful--that we can definitely count on to “shortly come to pass.” This change will, of course, be great for one group of people, candidates for the “house of David”, Zech. 12:8, (the great and strong people) and dreadful for the other group, self-satisfied Laodiceans, who are not looking-forward to this change, and would fain believe that this change will never come. Isaiah speaks of it as follows:

“In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defense. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.” Isa. 4:2-6.

**Are we getting ready for this
glorious change?**

Shall we be among this holy people? What will it require? Actually, the message is so clear that it leaves no doubt. He must be a Davidian indeed! Please take a careful look into the mirror of Inspiration and see if you are changing into the image required to be among this holy people that will change the world forever, under their divine captain. Please look and see whether the change from your individual example and influence, is raising God's standards or lowering them; must you still confess some shameful addiction as detailed by the Inspired messenger for today.

"Brother, Sister, how is it with your soul? Pause here and examine yourself as to whether or not you have religiously put into practice all that you have heard the Rod speak through "The Symbolic Code" and the other publications of Present Truth. What is your answer? Can you rejoice in that you have forever parted with the health destroying flesh pots, cheeses, pickles, candies, and the rich pastries? And that you are no longer one who defies nature in the abuse of his stomach by eating between meals, bolting his food, overeating, mixing fruits and vegetables, and ignoring wrong combinations?"

"Are you still insulting God by asking His blessing on the table upon which stands the enslaving and injurious pepper shaker, mustard can, spice boxes, and vinegar pitcher? And do you still have to confess shameful addiction to liquor, tobacco, coffee,

tea, cocoa, chocolate, or soda fountain drinks,

"Brethren, have you ridded your person of the vain and useless stick pin, the racy tie; the fallen or rolled down socks; the pretentious silk shirt? Sisters, are you heeding or ignoring the Apostles's instruction as to the wearing of a head-covering during prayer and at religious services? Have you lifted the necks, lengthened the sleeves, and dropped the skirts of your dresses? Have you discarded your tinkling ornaments, veils, chains, bracelets, display of watches, mufflers, bonnets, headbands, rings, changeable suits of apparel, crimping pins, high heeled shoes, sheer silk stockings, finger nail polish, rouge, lip stick, mascara, perfume, etc.? which begets the grotesque appearance of a sedate clown rather than the natural beauty of a peacock!

"Fathers, are you still at the same old ways -- either paying no attention to, or injudiciously ruling, your children? Are you faithfully performing the duties of a husband and father and head of the family? Are you still confirmed in the innumerable other abominable Laodicean practices?

"Mothers, are you still indulging the whims, humors, and self-willed demands of your children; failing to curb and discipline their tastes, habits, actions, words, and thoughts; faithlessly neglecting to correct their misdemeanors and wrong doings; and in their presence excusing and defending them to others; then losing your temper, and landing on them with shouting, slapping, and jerking them about when you

finally do make a belated effort to right" Vol. 2 S. Code, No. 11pg. 3

Still another mirror for change is presented below:

"The Davidian who is determined to escape this fearful end [laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works"], and who is therefore taking the cure for Laodiceanism, is accordingly reversing his former thinking process, is **rigorously disciplining** himself consistently, day in and day out. He has "regular hours for rising, for praying, and for eating" (*Testimonies, Vol. 5.. 181*); indeed, he guards jealously his hours for prayer, Bible study, and self-examination. (*See Gospel Workers, p. 100*). He rises on time, eats on time, goes to work on time, goes to bed on time, and above all he is always on time, never late, to church services. He is a time-keeping Christian; and not only a model of punctuality, but also a model of correctness in all things." 9SC# 1-12, p. 8.

The ultimate change we can count on.

Finally, brethren, please be encouraged to work for, pray for, and look forward to **ultimate** and the most glorious change that can affect our feeble, mortal bodies.

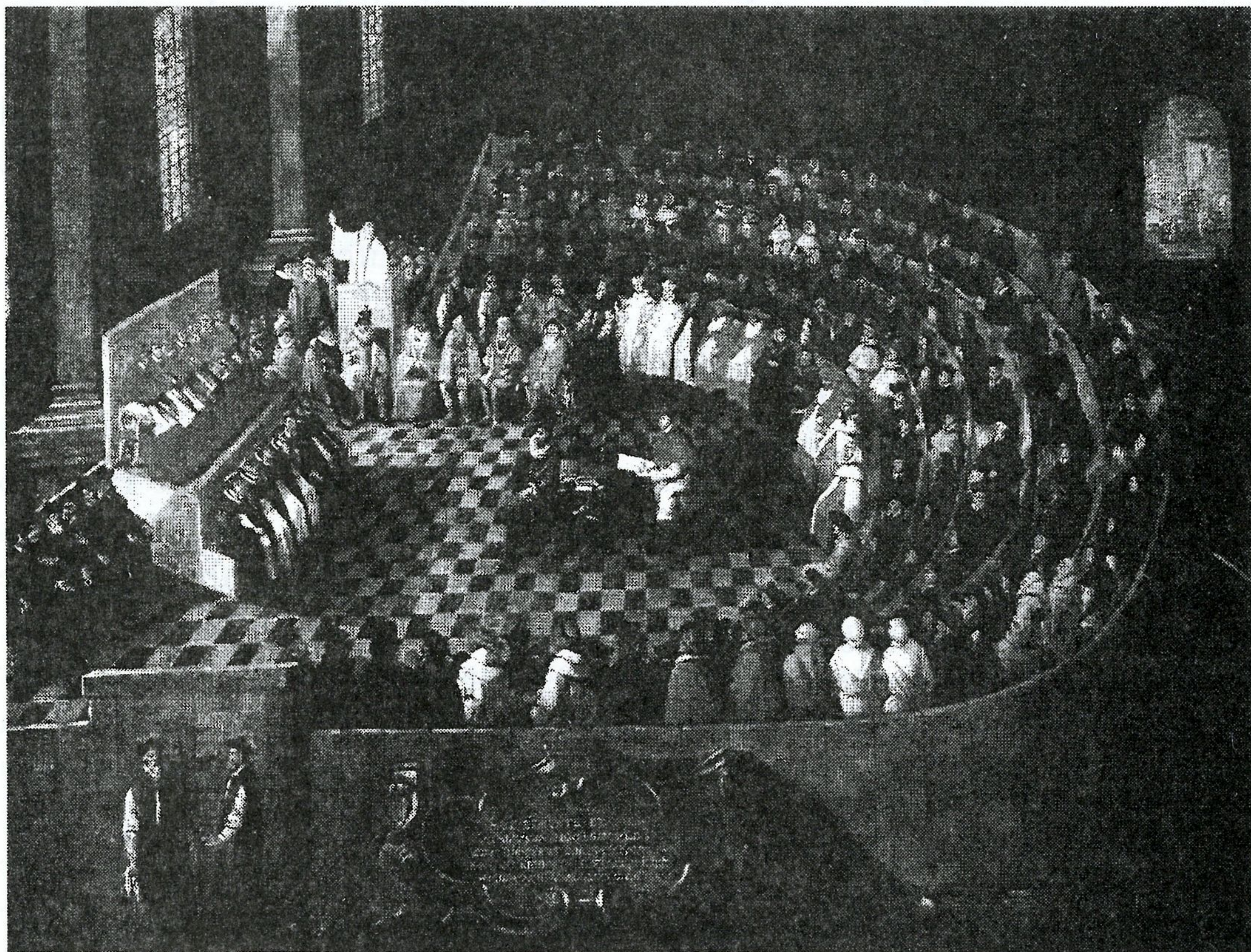
"Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." Php 3:21

"For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:53, 54.

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Dan. 12:3.

As surely as the sun shines, as sure as there is an earth beneath our feet and a heaven above, these are the changes that the righteous can count on. Shall we experience this ultimate **change**? I pray God that we do!

why we cannot join



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“Why We Cannot Join by: F. D. Nichol *Review and Herald* March 18, 1965

What position should Adventists take in relation to the ecumenical movement? First we should not set out on a program of denouncing all who are leaders in the movement.

God judges men by their motives, the state of their heart.

But though we should not judge them, we cannot join them. That should be transparently clear to every Adventist who knows anything of the real spirit and nature of the Advent Movement. The essence of the ecumenical movement is “Come in.” But at the very heart of the Advent Movement is the command, “Come out.”

Indeed, only as we preach this command and call on men to be obedient, can there be any Advent Movement. Let us never forget that most primary fact. Otherwise our evangelistic preaching would produce only Sabbath-keeping Methodists, and sanctuary believing Presbyterians, and state-of-the-dead believing Bap-tists; and so we might go on. But the Advent people are one people—because we have come out. Pray tell, what else could we do but come out? Political ideas may set men apart in the world of political parties, but it is doctrinal ideas that set men apart in the world of religion.

At the heart of the ecumenical movement is the policy to soft-pedal what its communicants cannot agree on. How else could such a movement gain cohesion or make progress at all? At the very heart of the Advent Move-ment is the conviction that we should emphasize our distinctive doctrines. Is not this in large part the explanation for our growth? True, we hold certain prime Christian doctrines in common with all other Christian people, but let us never forget that it is not our theological points of agreement but our points of difference that justify our existence as a separate people. And it is

only as we keep these points of difference clear that we protect against blurring out the edges of Adventism in a disordered world. It is to us an idea abhorrent and impossible that one should be able gradually to move from the Adventist faith into some other faith.

To anyone among us who would say, Let's join the ecumenical movement, we would ask: How do you understand the Second Angel's Message, a message that is in the center of the threefold message, which is the prime justification for our existence? If ever there was a people who must stand alone, it is the people who believe in the second angel's message, a message that must be understood in the larger context of Revelation 18:4.

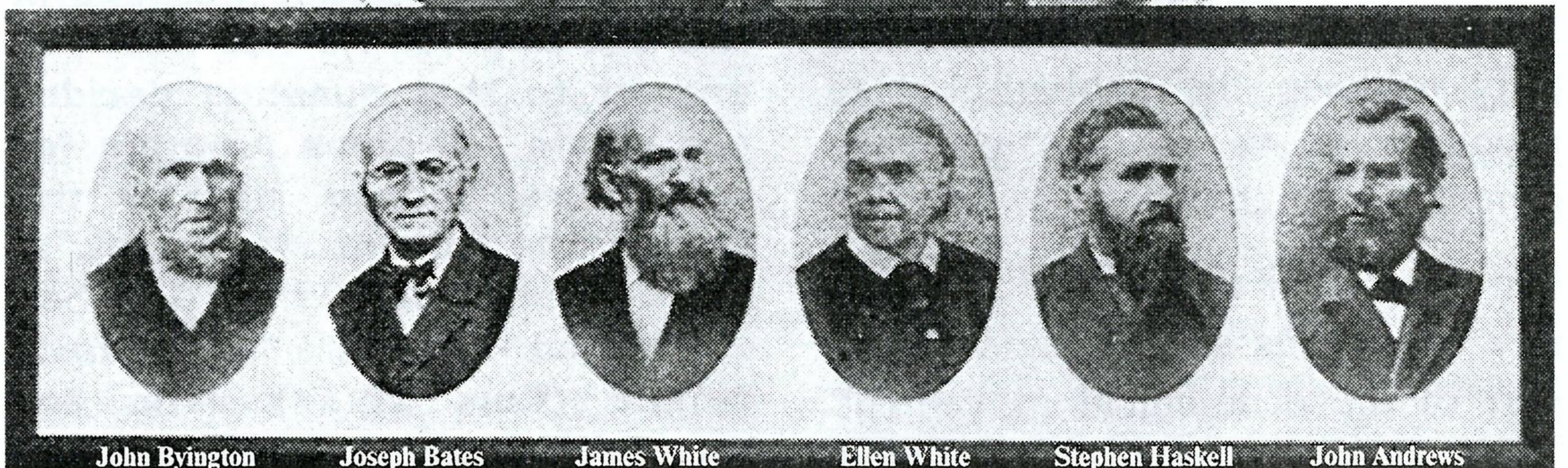
For anyone to say, Let's join the ecumenical movement and go along with it until we are forced to leave is really to say, Let us operate within the fold of ecume-nism, as long as we can, a pro-gram that is the very antithesis of what the movement stands for. We all know that the day is coming when Adventists will be denounced for their beliefs, but let not the denunciation include the charge that we are deceitful. God forbid!

Someone in the ecumenical movement may say to us, Come, join; you can still keep your Sabbath. They have said precisely that to us when we have sat as a reporter at their major meetings. Undoubtedly, we still could keep the Sabbath, and for some indefinite time into the future. But we should remember that we are not only to keep the Sabbath but to proclaim it, to seek to persuade others to keep it also.

But why labor this point? Seventh-day Adventists simply cannot be a part of the ecumenical movement. The Adventist who does not realize that we must stand alone has not really grasped what the genius of the Advent movement is. Really, the ecumenical movement is a challenge to us to sharpen and strengthen our reasons for the existence of Adventism as a distinct and separate religious force in the world. It is true today in a way that it never was before, that we must be prepared to give a reason for the hope that is within us. If we are not

prepared to give good reasons why we should stand alone, then what reason can we give for not yoking up with the ecumenical movement? That is the question that churchmen would finally ask us.

Either God has called out a special people with a special message in the last days or He has not. The answer to that question decides our whole religious program for the future; indeed, decides the fate of the Advent Movement. If we do not believe that God has called out a people, a remnant people (Rev. 12:17), who are uniquely His own as an organized movement, then why should we stand out against the appeal to join one great church? Finally, the ecumenical movement should make us more conscious than ever before of the times in which we live. The end is near. Read the closing chapters of *The Great Controversy* and let that conviction roll upon you again. It is the uniting of the great religious bodies that makes possible the final conflict. And in the conflict we cannot be ecumenical.



THE MINDSET OF THE PIONEERS

In the "Autobiography of Elder Joseph Bates," one can read the story of a most fascinating man, with an adventurous life. As a former ship captain, Elder Bates found himself in many extraordinary situations. It was remarkable how he could show up in a town, with no prior planning and begin holding meetings. The fascinating part is not that he did it, but that people flocked to these meetings and were happy to do so, sometimes for weeks at a time. Consider, for instance, what happened when he visited Kent Island:

"At the tavern we found people assembled for town meeting. The trustees of the meetinghouses who were present, were unwilling to open their doors to us, and intimated the danger of preaching the doctrine of Christ's coming among the slaves. We applied to the tavern keeper for his house; he replied that we could have it as soon as the town meeting closed.

"We then made an appointment before them, that preaching on the second advent would commence in the tavern the next afternoon at a given hour. Said the keeper of the

tavern, 'Is your name Joseph Bates?' I answered, 'Yes.' He said that he remembered my visiting his father's house when he was a small boy, and informed me that his mother and family were in another room and would be glad to see me. His mother said she thought she knew me when I first came to the house.

"The notice of our meeting soon spread over the island, and the people came to hear, and soon became deeply interested about the coming of the Lord. Our meetings continued here, I think, for five successive afternoons."—*Autobiography of Elder Joseph Bates*, p. 278.

"On leaving Kent Island, [Bates continued] we passed along on the east side of the Chesapeake Bay, called the eastern shore of Maryland, to the country town of Centerville, about thirty miles distant, where we had sent an appointment to hold meetings. We chose to walk, that we might have a better opportunity to converse with the slaves and other, and furnish them with tracts which we had with us." *Ibid.* p. 280.

The pioneers had a love for the Lord that was so deep, that given the option of riding in a carriage, or

on horseback, they would choose to walk 30 miles so that they could witness to strangers as they went along. At the time this occurred, Elder Bates was just turning 52.

There was a certain mindset, which both the pioneers as well as their audiences possessed; a mindset that is too often non-existent today. And this may be one of the major reasons why we have the problems in witnessing, giving Bible studies, and the lack of true conversions today.

The people of the 19th century lived in what we could call a typographic society. Books were the main source of all information. Whatever else can be said about the early Americans, it can be said that they were dedicated and skillful readers, whose religious sensibilities, political ideas and social life were deeply embedded in books.

We know that on the Mayflower several books, including the Bible, were transported as cargo. As a matter of fact, in the very first days of colonization, each minister was given ten pounds with which to start a religious library. Between 1640 and 1700, the literacy rate for men in Massachusetts and Connecticut was between 89 and 95 percent. The literacy rate for wo-

men at that time may have run as high as 62 percent. Martin Luther believed that printing was "God's highest and extreme act of Grace, whereby the business of the Gospel is driven forward." The stories of the boy with the plow in one hand and a book in the other were actually true.

Such proficiency in reading, produced a people who naturally thought logically, and possessed a much greater attention span than what we have today. On October 16, 1854, in Peoria, Illinois, the site of one of the early Lincoln—Douglas debates—prior to their becoming Presidential candidates, or even Senatorial candidates; - on this particular day, Douglas delivered a three hour address, to which Lincoln, by agreement was to respond. When his turn came at 5 p.m., he reminded the audience of the time, stating that he would need at least as much time as Douglas for rebuttal, and suggested that they go home, have dinner, and return refreshed for four more hours of talk. This they amicably did.

Try to picture someone listening to a seven hour debate today! Today each candidate in our Presidential debates gets one minute to discuss an issue. How can anything, espe-

cially as complex as foreign policy, the economy, or nuclear weapons, be intelligently discussed in one minute. Now take it one step further, how can one understand the Bible, a book which we know interprets itself, line upon line, precept upon precept, when we have a thirty-second attention span!

The question comes to mind: What does reading do to one's habits of the mind? To engage the written word means to follow a line of thought which requires considerable powers of classifying, inference-making, gathering and reasoning. It means to uncover lies, confusions, and overgeneralizations, abuses of logic and common sense. It also means to weigh ideas, to compare and contrast assertions, to connect one generalization to another. To accomplish this, one must achieve a certain distance from the words themselves — nurture objectively, which is in fact, encouraged by the isolated and impersonal text. This is why a good reader does not stop to applaud a sentence or even an inspired paragraph. Analytical thought is far too busy for that.

This type of thought pattern which was developed by the average 19th century citizen, created the desire for the stump speaker; where people

would literally go around to different towns, stand on an old tree stump, and begin to expound a topic. This was unplanned, yet crowds would gather to listen intently, to question, comment, or analyze what was being said. In most cases, if the speaker was interrupted by applause, he would request that the audience refrain from such outburst, so that the continuity of his presentation would not be disrupted.

In the 1800's all religious disputes were argued carefully in long expositions. The concepts of religion as entertainment, did not exist. This only came about through the introduction of the show business age, or should we say, the television age.

We live in a society of "Now ... this" —A society which presents us with tons of minute facts, but never expounds on a particular topic. One radio station used to say, "You give us 22 minutes, and we'll give you the world." We are given one fact after another, none of which may have anything to do with each other. The so-called best news show is the McNeal-Lehrer News Hour, where an entire ten to fifteen minutes is given to a subject as opposed to forty-five seconds.

For example, a news cast may discuss the Oklahoma City bombing, thirty seconds later a story on breast cancer, next a story on local politics, then the sports scores, and then the weather. Not one item has anything to do with the other, and thus we are trained to think in a fragmented manner, since this is how much of our information is given to us. Just look at a children's show such as Sesame Street, which often looks more like a blinking neon light with a continual flashing or non-contiguous pictures.

This is why we have a society which prizes games such as Trivial Pursuit. We have become a people who have filled our minds with many facts, having little to do with each other. We know a lot of information, a lot of facts and figures, yet we understand so little. We have become "chronically ill with too much knowledge and too little understanding." *Timely Greetings*, Vol. 2, No. 27.

We have been changed from a typographical society to an image society. We receive lots of information that gives us things to talk about, but not those things that can lead to any meaningful action. As a matter of fact, all has become entertainment. How can we witness to the world, when the concept of

religion to the world is the "700 Club" or a Billy Graham crusade, the Christian Broadcasting Network, this show or the other?

"Television," says Billy Graham, "is the most powerful tool of communication ever devised by man. Each of my prime time specials is now carried by nearly 300 stations across the U.S. and Canada, so that in a single telecast I preach to millions more than Christ did in his lifetime." To this, Pat Robertson adds: "To say that the church shouldn't be involved with television is utter folly. The needs are the same, the message is the same, but the delivery can change ...it would be folly for the church not to be involved with the most formative force in America."—*Amusing Ourselves To Death*, by Neal Postman.

This is a gross technological naïveté. If the delivery is not the same, then the message quite likely, is not the same. Not everything is televisable. We have brought religion down to the level of a TV sitcom, and then we wonder why the youth want the church to resemble MTV when they come in on Sabbath, otherwise it is boring to them.

In Aldous Huxley's book, "*Brave New World*," the premise is different from the Orwellian society pictured in the book "1984". There is no Big Brother required to deprive people of their rights. The people come to love their oppression, and to adore the technologies that undo their capacity to think. Huxley was not worried about the banning of books, for no one would want to read one. He felt that real truth would be drowned in a sea of irrelevance, an overload of disjointed information. Eventually he saw a trivial culture, preoccupied with things that feel good, because of man's infinite appetite for distractions.

In *Great Controversy*, p. 488, Sis. White recognized this when she stated: "Satan invents unnumbered schemes to occupy our minds that they may not dwell upon the very work with which we ought to be best acquainted."

We need to recognize what is happening to us before it is too late. In "*Brave New World*", the problem was not that the people were laughing instead of thinking, but that they did not know what they

were laughing about or why they had stopped thinking. Before we as Seventh-Day Adventists become members of Huxley's proclaimed "New World," we need to change the process in which we think. If we want to receive the Latter Rain of

Truth, we have to be in a position to receive it. In order to present the truths of the Bible, we have to completely understand them. In order to have the experience of the pioneers, we need to have the mindset of the pioneers.

DEALING WITH CONFLICT AS JESUS DID



From its earliest years the Jewish child was surrounded with the requirements of the rabbis. Rigid rules were prescribed for every act, down to the smallest details of life. Under the synagogue teachers the youth were instructed in the countless regulations which as orthodox Israelites they were expected to observe. But Jesus did not interest Himself in these matters. From

childhood He acted independently of the rabbinical laws. The Scriptures of the Old Testament were His constant study, and the words, "Thus saith the Lord," were ever upon His lips.

As the condition of the people began to open to His mind, He saw that the requirements of society and the requirements of God were in constant collision. Men were departing from the word of God, and exalting theories of their own invention. They were observing traditional rites that possessed no virtue. Their service was a mere round of ceremonies; the sacred truths it was designed to teach were hidden from the worshipers. He saw that in their faithless services they found no peace. They did not know the freedom of spirit that would come to them by serving God in truth. Jesus had come to teach the meaning of the worship of God, and He could not sanction the mingling of human requirements with the divine precepts. He did not attack the precepts or practices of the learned teachers; but when reproved for His own simple habits, He presented the word of God in justification of His conduct.

In every gentle and submissive way, Jesus tried to please those with whom He came in contact. Because He was so gentle and unobtrusive, the scribes and elders supposed that He would be

easily influenced by their teaching. They urged Him to receive the maxims and traditions that had been handed down from the ancient rabbis, but He asked for their authority in Holy Writ. He would hear every word that proceeds from the mouth of God; but He could not obey the inventions of men. Jesus seemed to know the Scriptures from beginning to end, and He presented them in their true import. The rabbis were ashamed to be instructed by a child. They claimed that it was their office to explain the Scriptures, and that it was His place to accept their interpretation. They were indignant that He should stand in opposition to their word.

They knew that no authority could be found in Scripture for their traditions. They realized that in spiritual understanding Jesus was far in advance of them. Yet they were angry because He did not obey their dictates. Failing to convince Him, they sought Joseph and Mary, and set before them His course of noncompliance. Thus He suffered rebuke and censure.

At a very early age, Jesus had begun to act for Himself in the formation of His character, and not even respect and love for His parents could turn Him from obedience to God's word. "It is written" was His reason for every act that varied from the family customs. But the influence of the rabbis made His life a bitter one. Even in His youth

He had to learn the hard lesson of silence and patient endurance.

His brothers, as the sons of Joseph were called, sided with the rabbis. They insisted that the traditions must be heeded, as if they were the requirements of God. They even regarded the precepts of men more highly than the word of God, and they were greatly annoyed at the clear penetration of Jesus in distinguishing between the false and the true. His strict obedience to the law of God they condemned as stubbornness. They were surprised at the knowledge and wisdom He showed in answering the rabbis. They knew that He had not received instruction from the wise men, yet they could not but see that He was an instructor to them. They recognized that His education was of a higher type than their own. But they did not discern that He had access to the tree of life, a source of knowledge of which they were ignorant.

Christ was not exclusive, and He had given special offense to the Pharisees by departing in this respect from their rigid rules. He found the domain of religion fenced in by high walls of seclusion, as too sacred a matter for everyday life. These walls of partition He overthrew. In His contact with men He did not ask, What is your creed? To what church do you belong? He exercised His helping power in behalf of all who needed help. Instead of

secluding Himself in a hermit's cell in order to show His heavenly character, He labored earnestly for humanity. He inculcated the principle that Bible religion does not consist in the mortification of the body. He taught that pure and undefiled religion is not meant only for set times and special occasions. At all times and in all places He manifested a loving interest in men, and shed about Him the light of a cheerful piety. All this was a rebuke to the Pharisees. It showed that religion does not consist in selfishness, and that their morbid devotion to personal interest was far from being true godliness. This had roused their enmity against Jesus, so that they tried to enforce His conformity to their regulations.

Jesus worked to relieve every case of suffering that He saw. He had little money to give, but He often denied Himself of food in order to relieve those who appeared more needy than He. His brothers felt that His influence went far to counteract theirs. He possessed a tact which none of them had, or desired to have. When they spoke harshly to poor, degraded beings, Jesus sought out these very ones, and spoke to them words of encouragement. To those who were in need He would give a cup of cold water, and would quietly place His own meal in their hands. As He relieved their sufferings, the truths He taught were associated with His acts of

mercy, and were thus riveted in the memory.

All this displeased His brothers. Being older than Jesus, they felt that He should be under their dictation. They charged Him with thinking Himself superior to them, and reproved Him for setting Himself above their teachers and the priests and rulers of the people. Often they threatened and tried to intimidate Him; but He passed on, making the Scriptures His guide.

Jesus loved His brothers, and treated them with unfailing kindness; but they were jealous of Him, and manifested the most decided unbelief and contempt. They could not understand His conduct. Great contradictions presented themselves in Jesus. He was the divine Son of God, and yet a helpless child. The Creator of the worlds, the earth was His possession, and yet poverty marked His life experience at every step. He possessed a dignity and individuality wholly distinct from earthly pride and assumption; He did not strive for worldly greatness, and in even the lowliest position He was content. This angered His brothers. They could not account for His constant serenity under trial and deprivation. They did not know that for our sake He had become poor, that we "through His poverty might be rich." 2 Cor. 8:9. They could understand the mystery of His mission no more than the friends of Job could

understand his humiliation and suffering.

Jesus was misunderstood by His brothers because He was not like them. His standard was not their standard. In looking to men they had turned away from God, and they had not His power in their lives. The forms of religion which they observed could not transform the character. They paid "tithe of mint and anise and cummin," but omitted "the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith." Matt. 23:23. The example of Jesus was to them a continual irritation. He hated but one thing in the world, and that was sin. He could not witness a wrong act without pain which it was impossible to disguise. Between the formalists, whose sanctity of appearance concealed the love of sin, and a character in which zeal for God's glory was always paramount, the contrast was unmistakable. Because the life of Jesus condemned evil, He was opposed, both at home and abroad. His unselfishness and integrity were commented on with a sneer. His forbearance and kindness were termed cowardice.

Of the bitterness that falls to the lot of humanity, there was no part which Christ did not taste. There were those who tried to cast contempt upon Him because of His birth, and even in His childhood He had to meet their scornful looks and evil whisperings. If He had responded by an impatient

word or look, if He had conceded to His brothers by even one wrong act, He would have failed of being a perfect example. Thus He would have failed of carrying out the plan for our redemption. Had He even admitted that there could be an excuse for sin, Satan would have triumphed, and the world would have been lost. This is why the tempter worked to make His life as trying as possible, that He might be led to sin.

But to every temptation He had one answer, "It is written." He rarely rebuked any wrongdoing of His brothers, but He had a word from God to speak to them. Often He was accused of cowardice for refusing to unite with them in some forbidden act; but His answer was, It is written, "The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." Job 28:28.

There were some who sought His society, feeling at peace in His presence; but many avoided Him, because they were rebuked by His stainless life. Young companions urged Him to do as they did. He was bright and cheerful; they enjoyed His presence, and welcomed His ready suggestions; but they were impatient at His scruples, and pronounced Him narrow and strait-laced. Jesus answered, It is written, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy word." "Thy word have I hid in mine heart,

that I might not sin against Thee." Ps. 119:9, 11.

Often He was asked, Why are you bent on being so singular, so different from us all? It is written, He said, "Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, and that seek Him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity; they walk in His ways." Ps. 119:1-3.

When questioned why He did not join in the frolics of the youth of Nazareth, He said, It is written, "I have rejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate in Thy precepts, and have respect unto Thy ways. I will delight myself in Thy statutes; I will not forget Thy word." Ps. 119:14-16.

Jesus did not contend for His rights. Often His work was made unnecessarily severe because He was willing and uncomplaining. Yet He did not fail nor become discouraged. He lived above these difficulties, as if in the light of God's countenance. He did not retaliate when roughly used, but bore insult patiently.

Again and again He was asked, Why do You submit to such spiteful usage, even from Your brothers? It is written, He said, "My son, forget not My law; but let thine heart keep My commandments: for length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake

thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: so shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man." Prov. 3:1-4.

From the time when the parents of Jesus found Him in the temple, His course of action was a mystery to them. He would not enter into controversy, yet His example was a constant lesson. He seemed as one who was set apart. His hours of happiness were found when alone with nature and with God. Whenever it was His privilege, He turned aside from the scene of His labor, to go into the fields, to meditate in the green valleys, to hold communion with God on the mountainside or amid the trees of the forest. The early morning often found Him in some secluded place, meditating, searching the Scriptures, or in prayer. From these quiet hours He would return to His home to take up His duties again, and to give an example of patient toil.

The life of Christ was marked with respect and love for His mother. Mary believed in her heart that the holy child born of her was the long-promised Messiah, yet she dared not express her faith. Throughout His life on earth she was a partaker in His sufferings. She witnessed with sorrow the trials brought upon Him in His childhood and youth. By her vindication of what she knew to be right in His conduct, she herself was brought into trying

positions. She looked upon the associations of the home, and the mother's tender watchcare over her children, as of vital importance in the formation of character. The sons and daughters of Joseph knew this, and by appealing to her anxiety, they tried to correct the practices of Jesus according to their standard.

Mary often remonstrated with Jesus, and urged Him to conform to the usages of the rabbis. But He could not be persuaded to change His habits of contemplating the works of God and seeking to alleviate the suffering of men or even of dumb animals. When the priests and teachers required Mary's aid in controlling Jesus, she was greatly troubled; but peace came to her heart as He presented the statements of Scripture upholding His practices.

At times she wavered between Jesus and His brothers, who did not believe that He was the Sent of God; but evidence was abundant that His was a divine character. She saw Him sacrificing Himself for the good of others. His presence brought a purer atmosphere into the home, and His life was as leaven working amid the elements of society. Harmless and undefiled, He walked among the thoughtless, the rude, the uncourteous; amid the unjust publicans, the reckless prodigals, the unrighteous Samaritans, the heathen soldiers, the rough

peasants, and the mixed multitude. He spoke a word of sympathy here and a word there, as He saw men weary, yet compelled to bear heavy burdens. He shared their burdens, and repeated to them the lessons He had learned from nature, of the love, the kindness, the goodness of God.

He taught all to look upon themselves as endowed with precious talents, which if rightly employed would secure for them eternal riches. He weeded all vanity from life, and by His own example taught that every moment of time is fraught with eternal results; that it is to be cherished as a treasure, and to be employed for holy purposes. He passed by no human being as worthless, but sought to apply the saving remedy to every soul. In whatever company He found Himself, He presented a lesson that was appropriate to the time and the circumstances. He sought to inspire with hope the most rough and unpromising, setting before them the assurance that they might become blameless and harmless, attaining such a character as would make them manifest as the children of God. Often He met those who had drifted under Satan's control, and who had no power to break from his snare. To such a one, discouraged, sick, tempted, and fallen, Jesus would speak words of tenderest pity, words that were needed and could be understood. Others He met who were fighting a hand-to-hand battle

with the adversary of souls. These He encouraged to persevere, assuring them that they would win; for angels of God were on their side, and would give them the victory. Those whom He thus helped were convinced that here was One in whom they could trust with perfect confidence. He would not betray the secrets they poured into His sympathizing ear.

Jesus was the healer of the body as well as of the soul. He was interested in every phase of suffering that came under His notice, and to every sufferer He brought relief, His kind words having a soothing balm. None could say that He had worked a miracle; but virtue—the healing power of love—went out from Him to the sick and distressed. Thus in an unobtrusive way

He worked for the people from His very childhood. And this was why, after His public ministry began, so many heard Him gladly.

Yet through childhood, youth, and manhood, Jesus walked alone. In His purity and His faithfulness, He trod the wine press alone, and of the people there was none with Him. He carried the awful weight of responsibility for the salvation of men. He knew that unless there was a decided change in the principles and purposes of the human race, all would be lost. This was the burden of His soul, and none could appreciate the weight that rested upon Him. Filled with intense purpose, He carried out the design of His life that He Himself should be the light of men.

(Desire of Ages, p. 89-92)

Over the course of the next few months, we have decided to run a series on Family Finances, taken mainly from the book *Managing Your Finances*. This code will feature Part 1—Entitled “What Is Money?”



Introduction

What advice does the Bible offer about wealth and our attitude toward it? Is money really the root of all evil? Do you know what God thinks about bankruptcy? What does the Bible say about charitable contributions? How much should we give? Be sure to read this booklet to discover biblical answers to these important questions and more.

Money makes the world go round, or so it seems. Vast sums change hands every day in a global economy that affects virtually every simple, practical guidelines to help manage your personal finances? Libraries and bookstores provide readers with various principles and theories about money management. Books and videotapes assure readers they can be financially successful; others tell us we can become millionaires practically overnight.

But do you realize that sound principles are to be found in a book you probably already own? The Holy Bible offers proven financial advice

man, woman and child on the planet.

Paradoxically, in this time of wealth and opportunity, millions of people struggle to survive economically. With consumer credit reaching gigantic proportions, many find themselves mired in debt. Anxiety about money matters takes an enormous toll on mental and physical health and general well-being.

What can you do about money problems? Where can you turn for and economic guidelines. The book of Proverbs alone reveals much about how to manage your personal finances. When we apply the principles we can find in Proverbs, they usually add up to economic success, financial stability and peace of mind.

Jesus Christ talked about freedom from economic want: “I am come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). Abundant life includes financial peace of mind.

Throughout the Bible we can find specific financial principles and advice. When we properly apply them, they work for our benefit.

This booklet reviews many timeless economic principles from a biblical perspective. It shows us how to manage our financial affairs from a godly point of view. Turn the page to begin an important Bible-based study. You have nothing to lose and much to gain!

What is Money?

People hold widely divergent views about money. Some view it as the root of all evil and believe that poverty brings one closer to God. Others accept the health-and-wealth gospel: that Christians are almost automatically destined to become financially successful if not fabulously wealthy. Those who hold either of these contradictory ideas think it comes directly from the Bible.

Is money good or evil? To lay a foundation for managing one's finances noting that the ant wisely stores up food for the winter (Proverbs 6:6-11). It speaks favorably of someone who would provide for his children and grandchildren: "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous" (Proverbs 12:22).

Spiritual Traps to avoid

These positive examples, however, do not give the whole picture. The

nances, we must begin by considering what money is and whether it is proper for Christians to accumulate wealth.

Wealth and the Bible

The first time the Bible mentions someone with a lot of money, it speaks of a righteous man, Abraham, who "was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold" (Genesis 13:2). Later we find God promising that through this man's descendants all nations of the world would be blessed (Genesis 18:18; 22:18; 26:4). Abraham was wealthy, but he was also "the father of all those who believe" (Romans 4:11). God is not opposed to riches. In fact, He is the originator of financial blessings (1Samuel 2:7; Proverbs 10:2) and reminds us that personal diligence can also lead to wealth (Proverbs 10:4).

When we have more money than we need for normal expenses, we are wise to save some for later use. The Bible speaks well of the saver

follower of God who wants to make money but continue to follow God must avoid certain spiritual traps. It becomes easy, as a person accumulates worldly goods, to view money — rather than God — as a source of protection and stability (Proverbs 18:11).

The apostle Paul talked about money and temptation: "...Those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts

which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Timothy 6:9-10). It is from these words that some people get the idea that the Bible teaches that *money* is the root of all evil. However, Paul wrote something considerably different: that "the *love of money* is a root of all kinds of evil." Money itself is not an evil, but elevating money and material wealth to a greater priority than it is properly due is a great spiritual trap.

In this passage Paul elaborates on the perspective toward wealth that Jesus Christ had given many years earlier. In speaking of a Christian's proper priorities (Matthew 6:24-33), Jesus said, "You cannot serve God and mammon" (verse 24). The English *mammon* is translated here from a similar Aramaic word that means riches, especially riches that turn one's attention away from God.

While recognizing that people have physical needs, Christ emphasized that our priority must always be God. Jesus taught that we must "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added ..." (verse 33).

Paul's comments to Timothy teach us not to make money a god or to allow it to come between us and God. Money is simply a tool that can be used for either good or bad. The key lies in our attitude. Paul

adds this advice to the wealthy: "Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, *nor trust in uncertain riches but in the living God*, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, *that they be rich in good works*, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life" (1 Timothy 6:17-19, emphasis added throughout).

Can we seek wealth and eternal life?

On another occasion, a young man asked Jesus Christ what one must do to inherit eternal life. After Jesus told him he must keep God's commandments, the man responded that he had kept them from his youth (Mark 10:17-20). "Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, 'One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.' But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

"Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, 'Children, how hard it is for those who *trust in riches* to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a

needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." (verses 21-25). (See also "The Eye of a Needle," page 7.)

Notice the disciples' reaction when they heard Jesus' comments about how difficult it was for a rich man to enter the kingdom: "...They were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, 'Who then can be saved?' But Jesus looked at them and said, 'With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible'" (verses 26-27). Eternal life is a gift given to those who humbly seek God (John 3:16; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-10). Everyone, whether rich or poor, must rely on God's mercy for eternal life.

A lesson in priorities

Jesus explained that eternal life is a spiritual issue of paramount importance. The wealth of the man was not intrinsically wrong. But his misplaced priorities—his improper attachment to material wealth—was. Christ perceived that the man was more interested in his money than God. Indeed, the young man was despondent over Christ's words "and went away grieved, for he had great possessions" (Mark 10:22).

God has revealed in His Word, the Bible, all essential knowledge that humans need to come into harmony with His ways in both spiritual and physical matters. God has given His people specific instructions for supporting the poor (Deuteronomy

14:28-29; 15:1-2; 26:12-14). His Word even gives instructions for how His people should provide financially for annual religious observances (Deuteronomy 12:17-18; 14:22-27).

Jesus took the lesson of spiritual and financial priorities a step further. "Then Peter began to say to Him, 'Lo we have left all, and have followed thee.' So Jesus answered and said, 'Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.'" (verses 28-30) Here, Jesus promises physical and spiritual rewards for putting Him first. So He clearly is not against prosperity—provided we don't make it the greatest priority in our lives.

Keeping priorities straight can be quite a challenge for people who have been blessed with material goods. The rich must not glory in their riches (Jeremiah 9:23). We must remember Christ's instruction regarding our priorities: "... But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:20-21)

People are prejudiced

People can be prejudiced about money. Sometimes the wealthy despise the poor, and sometimes the poor despise the rich. Jesus did not hold such biases. He ate with tax collectors and sinners, was called their friend (Matthew 9:10; 11:19) and ministered to the poor (Matthew 11:5).

Yet He showed no partiality and could also be found with the sick (Matthew 27:57; Luke 19:1-10). A wealthy man so admired Jesus that he buried Him in his unused family tomb (Matthew 17:57-60). Jesus Christ died for all of humanity, regardless of anyone's social or financial standing.

The Scriptures we have just reviewed show that money is neutral – neither good nor bad. Our *attitude* toward it, however, is important. Money tests our allegiance; it makes apparent whether we are committed to God or to our possessions. At best, money is a tool we use for important purposes.

Stay tuned for the next Code where will see that Christ taught that a Christian has financial obligations—to God and to his fellowman.

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HEALTH CORNER



AFTER YEARS OF TELLING PEOPLE CHEMOTHERAPY IS THE ONLY WAY TO TRY AND ELIMINATE CANCER, JOHN HOPKINS IS FINALLY STARTING TO TELL YOU THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE WAY.

Cancer Update from John Hopkins

1. Every person has cancer cells in the body. These cancer cells do not show up in the standard tests until they have multiplied to a few billion. When doctors tell cancer patients that there are no more cancer cells in their bodies after treatment, it just means the tests are unable to detect the cancer cells because they have not reached the detectable size.
2. Cancer cells occur between 6 to more than 10 times in a person's lifetime.
3. When the person's immune system is strong the cancer cells will be destroyed and prevented from multiplying and forming tumors.
4. When a person has cancer it indicates the person has multiple nutritional deficiencies. These could be due to genetic, environmental, food and lifestyle factors.
5. To overcome the multiple nutritional deficiencies, changing diet and including supplements will strengthen the immune system.
6. Chemotherapy involves poisoning the rapidly-growing cancer cells and also destroys rapidly-growing healthy cells in the bone marrow, gastro-intestinal tract etc, and can cause organ damage, like liver, kidneys, heart, lungs etc.
7. Radiation while destroying cancer cells also burns, scars and

damages healthy cells, tissues and organs.

8. Initial treatment with chemotherapy and radiation will often reduce tumor size. However prolonged use of chemotherapy and radiation do not result in more tumor destruction.

9. When the body has too much toxic burden from chemotherapy and radiation the immune system is either compromised or destroyed, hence the person can succumb to various kinds of infections and complications.

10. Chemotherapy and radiation can cause cancer cells to mutate and become resistant and difficult to destroy. Surgery can also cause cancer cells to spread to other sites.

11. An effective way to battle cancer is to starve the cancer cells by not feeding it with the foods it needs to multiply.

CANCER CELLS FEED ON:

(a) Sugar is a cancer-feeder. By cutting off sugar it cuts off one important food supply to the cancer cells. Sugar substitutes like Nutra-Sweet, Equal, Spoonful, etc are made with Aspartame and it is harmful. A better natural substitute would be Manuka honey or

molasses but only in very small amounts. Table salt has a chemical added to make it white in color. Better alternative is Bragg's aminos or sea salt.

(b) Milk causes the body to produce mucus, especially in the gastrointestinal tract. Cancer feeds on mucus. By cutting off milk and substituting with unsweetened soya milk cancer cells are being starved.

(c) Cancer cells thrive in an acid environment. A meat-based diet is acidic and it is best to eat fish, and a little chicken rather than beef or pork. Meat also contains livestock antibiotics, growth hormones and parasites, which are all harmful, especially to people with cancer.

(d) A diet made of 80% fresh vegetables and juice, whole grains, seeds, nuts and a little fruits help put the body into an alkaline environment. About 20% can be from cooked food including beans. Fresh vegetable juices provide live enzymes that are easily absorbed and reach down to cellular levels within 15 minutes to nourish and enhance growth of healthy cells. To obtain live enzymes for building healthy cells try and drink fresh vegetable juice (most vegetables including bean sprouts) and eat

some raw vegetables 2 or 3 times a day. Enzymes are destroyed at temperatures of 104 degrees F (40 degrees C).

(e) Avoid coffee, tea, and chocolate, which have high caffeine. Green tea is a better alternative and has cancer-fighting properties. Water—best to drink purified water, or filtered, to avoid known toxins and heavy metals in tap water. Distilled water is acidic, avoid it.

12. Meat protein is difficult to digest and requires a lot of digestive enzymes. Undigested meat remaining in the intestines become putrefied and leads to more toxic buildup.

13. Cancer cell walls have a tough protein covering. By refraining from or eating less meat it frees more enzymes to attack the protein walls of cancer cells and allows the body's killer cells to destroy the cancer cells. Some supplements build up the immune system (IP6, Floressence, Essiac, anti-oxidants, vitamins, minerals, EFAs etc.) to enable the body's own killer cells to destroy cancer cells. Other supplements like vitamin E are known to cause apoptosis, or programmed cell death, the body's normal

method of disposing of damaged, unwanted, or unneeded cells.

15. Cancer is a disease of the mind, body, and spirit. A proactive and positive spirit will help the cancer warrior be a survivor. Anger, unforgiveness and bitterness put the body into a stressful and acidic environment. Learn to have a loving and forgiving spirit. Learn to relax and enjoy life.

16. Cancer cells cannot thrive in an oxygenated environment. Exercising daily, and deep breathing help to get more oxygen down to the cellular level. Oxygen therapy is another means employed to destroy cancer cells.

(PLEASE FORWARD IT TO PEOPLE YOU CARE ABOUT)

CANCER UPDATE FROM JOHN HOPKINS HOSPITAL, U S — PLEASE READ

1. No plastic containers in micro.
2. No water bottles in freezer.
3. No plastic wrap in microwave.

Johns Hopkins has recently sent this out in its newsletters. This information is being circulated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center as well. Dioxin chemicals causes cancer,

especially breast cancer. Dioxins are highly poisonous to the cells of our bodies.

Don't freeze your plastic bottles with water in them as this releases dioxins from the plastic. Recently, Dr. Edward Fujimoto, Wellness Program Manager at Castle Hospital, was on a TV program to explain this health hazard. He talked about dioxins and how bad they are for us. He said that we should not be heating our food in the microwave using plastic containers. This especially applies to foods that contain fat. He said that the combination of fat, high heat, and plastics releases dioxin into the food and ultimately into the cells of the body. Instead, he recommends using glass, such as Corning Ware, Pyrex or ceramic containers for heating food. You get the same results, only without the dioxin. So such things as TV dinners, instant ramen and soups, etc., should be

removed from the container and heated in something else.

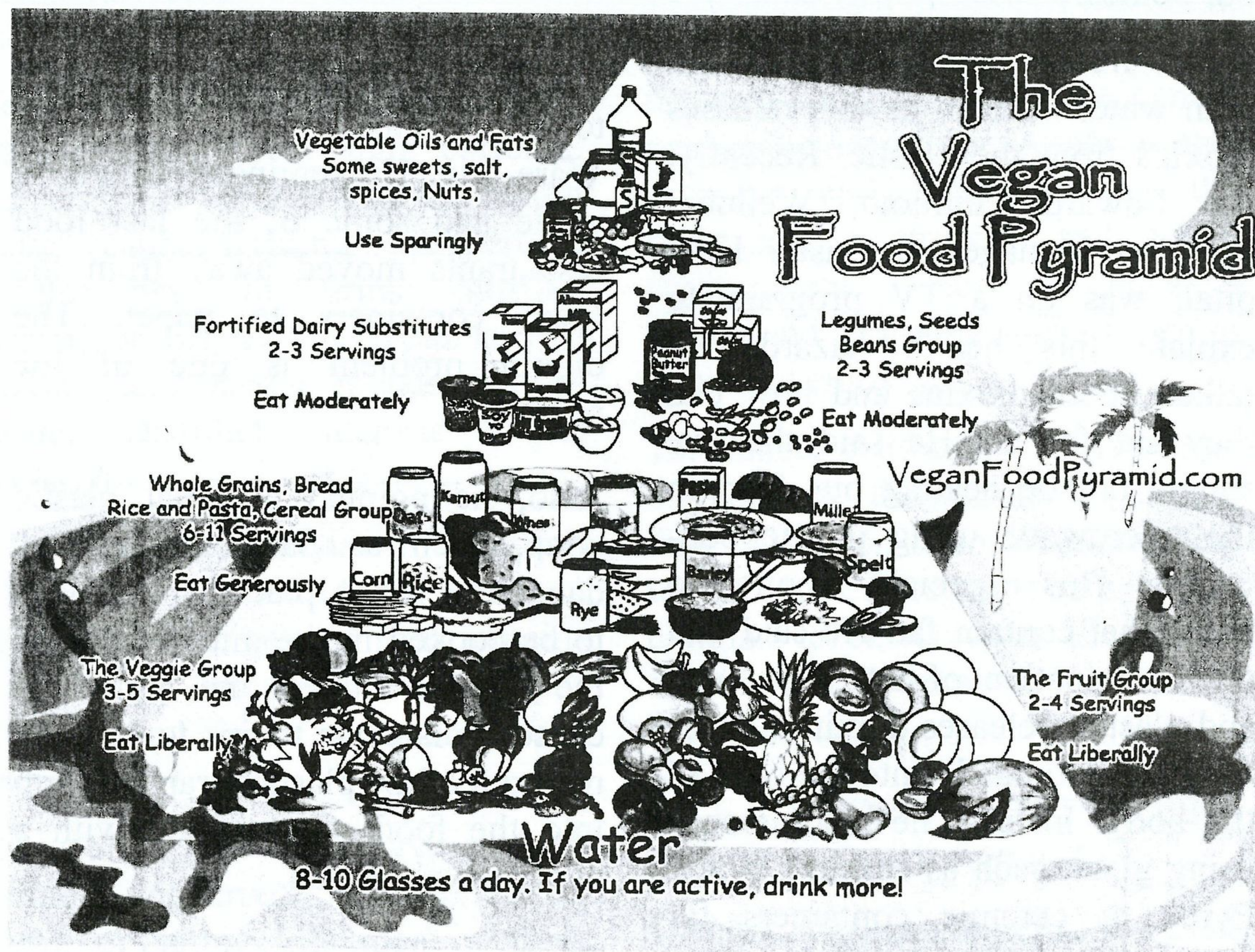
Paper isn't bad but you don't know what is in the paper. It's just safer to use tempered glass, Corning Ware, etc. He reminded us that a while ago some of the fast food restaurants moved away from the foam containers to paper. The dioxin problem is one of the reasons.

Also, he pointed out that plastic wrap, such as Saran, is just as dangerous when placed over foods to be cooked in the microwave. As the food is nuked, the high heat causes poisonous toxins to actually melt out of the plastic wrap and drip into the food. Cover food with a paper towel instead.

This is an article that should be sent to anyone important in your life.

Mrs. Cecelia Peters

IS OVERDOING NOTHING AFFECTING YOUR HEALTH?



What Is Health Reform?

“Health reform” means to be right with God and man, with yourself and with all your habits. Most people are more careful of overworking than they are of killing themselves with overeating, and though they pretend to do this for the sake of their health, under observation this class of folk will be found to be reckless with their bodies in sinful pleasures and

sacrificing their health by perverted appetite. Yes, they risk their health for a little sinful pleasure almost of any kind, and when reproved they are greatly disturbed and would rather, at any cost, continue with an unhealthful habit, prompted by indulging in some sinful pleasure, than to deny themselves of it by correcting their evil course. Consequently, their fear of overworking is

a fear of the work cutting across their perverted desire, "turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness." (Jude 4). They are afraid of overworking but are not afraid of overdoing nothing, which ultimately results in losing their physical abilities — becoming almost as weak as a straw, as stiff as a cucumber, and as infirm as a pancake.

There is nothing in God's creation that stands still—everything is doing something all the time -- and whatever stops moving He takes it away. If the heart stops beating He takes away the life, and the substance of the body goes back to clay. If a tree quits growing, it dies. Water that stands still gets stagnant. God's "handiwork" is not only ceaselessly moving on its own course, but it neither falls behind nor goes ahead — it forever keeps perfect time. If an airplane stops flying it falls to the ground. When an automobile quits running it becomes worthless to its owner. Anything that falls short of its set standard by its maker does not only become worthless but also a nuisance.

There are thousands who sacrifice their health and happiness for lack of exercise. Some excuse themselves from working to preserve the

beauty of their hands, not realizing that they are wrecking the whole body by doing nothing! Others try to preserve their beauty by avoiding the rays of the sun though without which no one can live the full length of his time and long remain happy while he lives.

The bee that faithfully labors all summer, when winter comes has plenty to eat and some to spare for a hungry man that cannot manufacture his own honey, while the grasshopper by wasting his time singing all summer long is starving during the winter in the cold. The plant that is raised in the shade is weak and pale and if exposed to the sun too late, instead of receiving its natural beauty, it withers away. Those who are living wrongly, when they start correcting their habits they begin to feel the same effects, but instead of continuing in the right course they excuse themselves from reforming and go back treading in the same old crooked road.

"Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured." (Prov. 13:10). "Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of

kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.: (Prov. 31:25-28.) “Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: so shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.” (Prov. 6:6-11.) “Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work.” (Ex. 20:9)

“In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground.” (Gen. 3:19).

Abraham became a friend of God because he did not only believe but

because he faithfully performed his duties and that by arising “early in the morning” (Gen. 22:3), and by doing the things “in the selfsame day.” (Gen. 17:26).

When God selected the army by which Gideon was to defeat the Midianites, He commanded Gideon to separate those who were “fearful and afraid” and those who had plenty of time before starting to do something from those who, for haste, would not even stop long enough to take a drink, but who, scooping the water in their palms, drank as they ran though it. Jud. 7:2-7. If God’s people do not awake now they never will, for the time is too short and the work is too great, and the best of us cannot be too skillful or too active to engage in the conflict which is confront us. (*The Symbolic Code Series*, p. 177-178)

COMMON FOODS AND THEIR FUNCTIONS

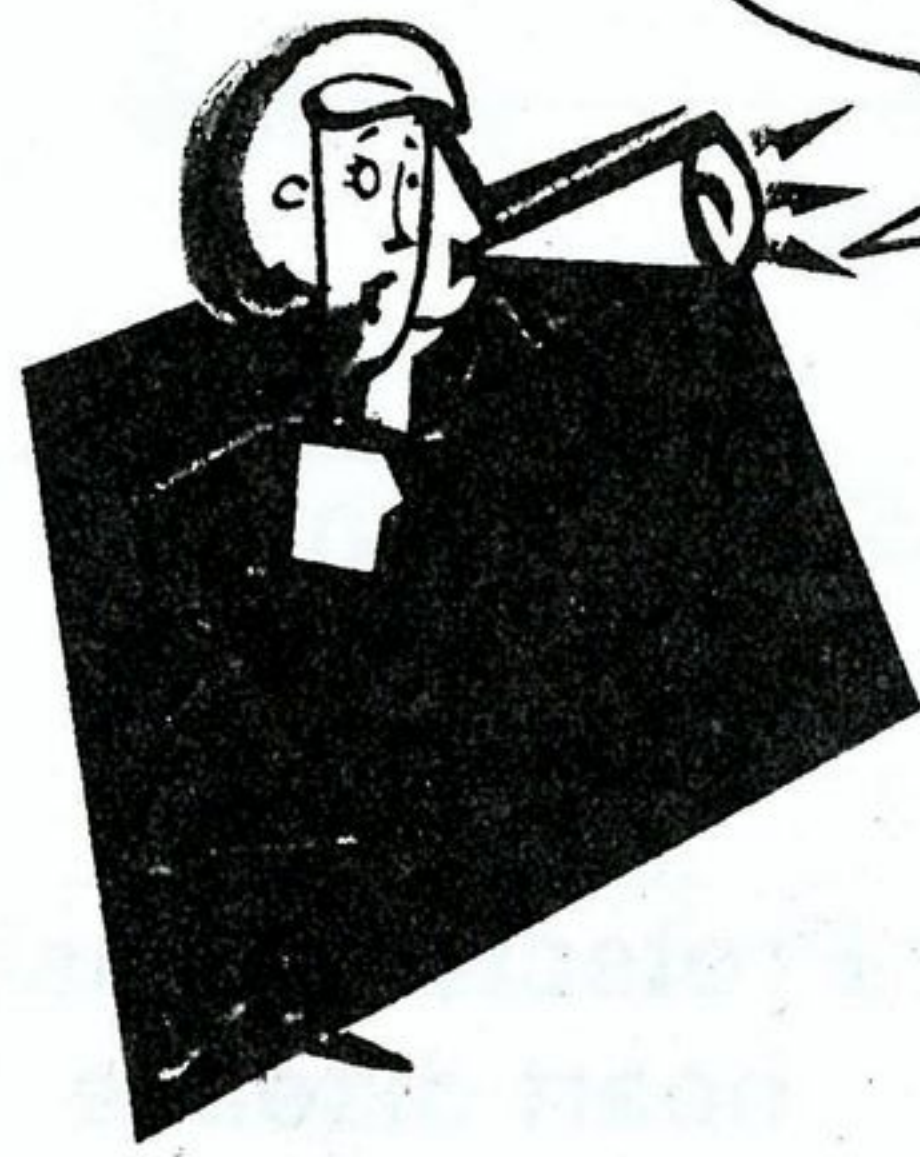
Apples	Protects your heart	prevents constipation	Blocks diarrhea	Improves lung capacity	Cushions joints
Apricots	Combats cancer	Controls blood pressure	Saves your eyesight	Shields against Alzheimer's	Slows aging process
Artichokes	Aids digestion	Lowers cholesterol	Protects your heart	Stabilizes blood sugar	Guards against liver disease
Avocados	Battles diabetes	Lowers cholesterol	Helps stops strokes	Controls blood pressure	Smoothes skin
Bananas	Protects your heart	Quiets a cough	Strengthens bones	Controls blood pressure	Blocks diarrhea
Beans	Prevents constipation	Helps hemorrhoids	Lowers cholesterol	Combats cancer	Stabilizes blood sugar
Beets	Controls blood pressure	Combats cancer	Strengthens bones	Protects your heart	Aids weight loss
Blueberries	Combats cancer	Protects your heart	Stabilizes blood sugar	Boosts memory	Prevents constipation
Broccoli	Strengthens bones	Saves eyesight	Combats cancer	Protects your heart	Controls blood pressure
Cabbage	Combats cancer	Prevents constipation	Promotes weight loss	Protects your heart	Helps hemorrhoids
Cantaloupe	Saves eyesight	Controls blood pressure	Lowers cholesterol	Combats cancer	Supports immune system
Carrots	Saves eyesight	Protects your heart	Prevents constipation	Combats cancer	Promotes weight loss
Cauliflower	Protects against Prostate Cancer	Combats Breast Cancer	Strengthens bones	Banishes bruises	Guards against heart disease
Cherries	Protects your heart	Combats Cancer	Ends insomnia	Slows aging process	Shields against Alzheimer's
Chestnuts	Promotes weight loss	Protects your heart	Lowers cholesterol	Combats Cancer	Controls blood pressure
Chili peppers	Aids digestion	Soothes sore throat	Clears sinuses	Combats Cancer	Boosts immune system

Figs	Promotes weight loss	Helps stops strokes	Lowers cholesterol	Combats Cancer	Controls blood pressure
Fish	Protects your heart	Boosts memory	Protects your heart	Combats Cancer	Supports immune system
Flax	Aids digestion	Battles diabetes	Protects your heart	Improves mental health	Boosts immune system
Garlic	Lowers cholesterol	Controls blood pressure	Combats cancer	kills bacteria	Fights fungus
Grapefruit	Protects against heart attacks	Promotes Weight loss	Helps stops strokes	Combats Prostate Cancer	Lowers cholesterol
Grapes	saves eyesight	Conquers kidney stones	Combats cancer	Enhances blood flow	Protects your heart
Green tea	Combats cancer	Protects your heart	Helps stops strokes	Promotes Weight loss	Kills bacteria
Honey	Heals wounds	Aids digestion	Guards against ulcers	Increases energy	Fights allergies
Lemons	Combats cancer	Protects your heart	Controls blood pressure	Smoothes skin	Stops scurvy
Limes	Combats cancer	Protects your heart	Controls blood pressure	Smoothes skin	Stops scurvy
Mangoes	Combats cancer	Boosts memory	Regulates thyroid	aids digestion	Shields against Alzheimer's
Mushrooms	Controls blood pressure	Lowers cholesterol	Kills bacteria	Combats cancer	Strengthens bones
Oats	Lowers cholesterol	Combats cancer	Battles diabetes	prevents constipation	Smoothes skin
Olive oil	Protects your heart	Promotes Weight loss	Combats cancer	Battles diabetes	Smoothes skin
Onions	Reduce risk of heart attack	Combats cancer	Kills bacteria	Lowers cholesterol	Fights fungus
Oranges	Supports immune systems	Combats cancer	Protects your heart	Straightens respiration	

Peaches	prevents constipation	Combats cancer	Helps stops strokes	aids digestion	Helps hemorrhoids
Peanuts	Protects against heart disease	Promotes Weight loss	Combats Prostate Cancer	Lowers cholesterol	Aggravates Diverticulitis
Pineapple	Strengthens bones	Relieves colds	Aids digestion	Dissolves warts	Blocks diarrhea
Prunes	Slows aging process	prevents constipation	boosts memory	Lowers cholesterol	Protects against heart disease
Rice	Protects your heart	Battles diabetes	Conquers kidney stones	Combats cancer	Helps stops strokes
Strawberries	Combats cancer	Protects your heart	boosts memory	Calms stress	
Sweet potatoes	Saves your eyesight	Lifts mood	Combats cancer	Strengthens bones	
Tomatoes	Protects prostate	Combats cancer	Lowers cholesterol	Protects your heart	
Walnuts	Lowers cholesterol	Combats cancer	boosts memory	Lifts mood	Protects against heart disease
Water	Promotes Weight loss	Combats cancer	Conquers kidney stones	Smoothes skin	
Watermelon	Protects prostate	Promotes Weight loss	Lowers cholesterol	Helps stops strokes	Controls blood pressure
Wheat germ	Combats Colon Cancer	prevents constipation	Lowers cholesterol	Helps stops strokes	improves digestion
Wheat bran	Combats Colon Cancer	prevents constipation	Lowers cholesterol	Helps stops strokes	improves digestion
Yogurt	Guards against ulcers	Strengthens bones	Lowers cholesterol	Supports immune systems	Aids digestion

Youth Connect 2008

*Let's hear it for the **YOUNG
PEOPLEEEEEEEEE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
It is time to connect. . . .*



Youth Connect is in full effect this
year!!!

For those who don't know what that is
we will tell you.

One of the goals of the Youth Committee is to network
as a way of bringing all Davidian Youth together
for **Fellowship, Encouragement, Spiritual Upliftment** and
Mentorship (professional and otherwise).

The question now is how do we do these wonderful things?



We're going to connect by telephone, that's right, telephone. We're gonna leave our protective walls of anonymity



get out and talk to each other. (For those outside of the US, email will be substituted... but only for those outside the U.S!)



Step 1. Please respond with your name, telephone number, and email address.

Step 2. You will then be linked with a randomly chosen partner.

Step 3. Your mission is to speak with this person for no less than 10 minutes for three days in one week. In other words in a seven day week span, make sure that you have spoken with your partner at least 3 out of those 7 days. It can be about anything, pray together, study together, laugh together and get to know one another. But make your time count because you only have a week before you receive your new partner. The idea is that all the youth will have had at least one opportunity to introduce themselves to one another.

Step 4. Make a new friend and get CONNECTED.

The Launch Date: Feb. 15th
Contact Info Deadline: Jan. 31st
Age Limit: 17 and up
Contact Info

Name: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Address (optional) _____

Mail Bag



I am interested in your materials. The info contained in your website is one sent from God especially for me. However, I am trying to find out how I can obtain the Shepherd's Rod series, I want to know more and also share with my loved ones. If you have copies available, please send one to me. Your response greatly awaited, tell me if I have to pay too. God bless you all.

United Kingdom

Dear Sir:

I recently had the opportunity to listen to a DVD message on Matthew 20 verses 1-9 titled "The 11th Hour Call," presented by _____ . On July 5, 2008 I was able to listen to the "144,000, Who Are They". I have been a Seventh-Day Adventist since 1992. I am absolutely overwhelmed by this new light that has been presented to the SDA Church. This presentation is not available to us from our SDA Bookshop or Church office in _____.

I am therefore asking your office if it is possible to purchase a set of this DVD presentation directly from the United States of America and what the costs would be. I believe the set consist of about 6 DVD's. I would be most grateful if you would

contact me via my email address regarding your reply to my request. I trust I will hear from you at your earliest convenience.

South, Africa

Dear Brethren: The church as a whole was very happy to receive the tracts you sent us, through our sister _____, plus the cards, though the cards were very few. Please send us some more cards plus tracts.
East Africa

**Dear Brethren:
I am a Seventh-Day Adventist of the above mentioned church. I came across a tract called Symbolic Code Vo. 11, No. 8, written by Houteff with its mailing box behind it. Can you please kindly get us some writings of the same person. WE are many and**

please, we need the whole volumes.

The Lord loves me that is why He has given me this light. Thanks a lot and may God bless you all.

Kenya, Africa

**Greetings Christian Brothers-
I am interested in obtaining Shepherd Rod materials in Spanish please. Can you please send me cassettes, audio and video along with your literature. I would be very grateful. Personally, I would really like to get deep into the message.**

California, USA

**Dear Sir/Madam:
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and may my requests find favour and grace from you. I wrote to request books, materials**

on prophecy, tapes, CD's, etc. Also in my request I pray you send me selected messages and any other books you can manage. Please help the church here to understand more in this end times. It is by the grace of God that I came across one of your CDs from a friend and I got your address.

Yours in the Lord's Service,

Zambia, Africa

Morning Brethren:

I met brother in Christ on the Sabbath, who told me that I need to return to the Lord and study His word. These words really touched me and I said to

myself, 'now I am going home never more to roam.'" Therefore, please send me tracts, DVD's, CD's & Audio tapes. I will be glad to receive them and may the Lord richly bless you.

Zambia, Africa

Hi there,

I would be grateful if you can send me the relevant DVD's, tapes, and CD's and literature that was published from 1932 about the 144,000, etc. You have sent this to my sister already, but she stays 8 hours drive from here and I would like to have it as well.

Announcements

CONDOLENCE

Our condolences to the Rollan family. Sis. Judith lost her mother last month in the Philippines. We pray that the Love of God enfolds you as you grieve your loss. Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss and know that our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

DLI

Great lasting fellowship and friend-ship can be found where? —

It is time to start making preparations to attend DLI 2009. Apply early so that you too can be a student in our next DLI class which is scheduled to begin in June.

COOK BOOK

We are in the process of creating a Mt. Carmel Cook book and are currently in the assembling phase. Please submit your recipes so that this can indeed be a reality.

CONGRATULATIONS!

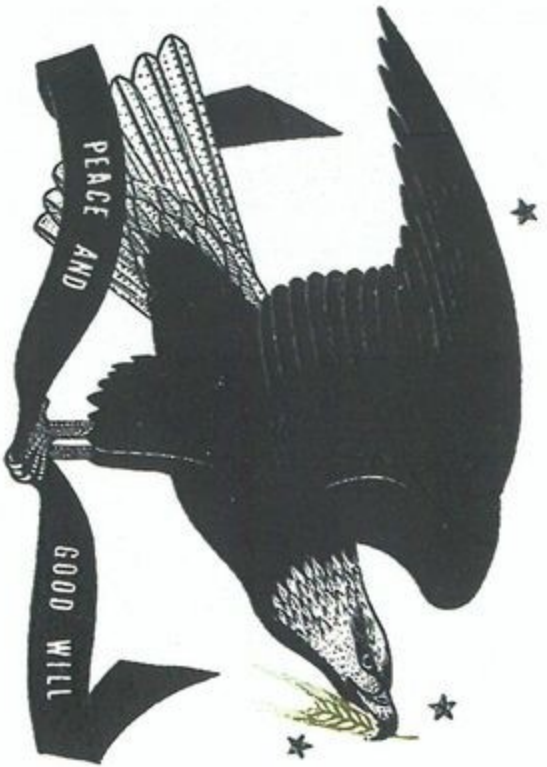
Our congratulations go out to Bro. & Sis. Peter and Janet from Kenya. They were joined together as husband and wife on October 5, 2008. Let us keep this newly wed in our prayers that God will bless them as they continue their journey towards oneness and open a new chapter in their friendship.

A Revival Needed

"What would Jesus say to us today if He were here? Would He undertake to cleanse the temples of our hearts and to drive out the spirit of **Sadduceeism**, of **materialism**, of **worldly conformity**? I believe He would. I believe what we need today, as a group of educators and leaders, more than anything else, is something that cannot come to us from any committee on resolutions, and that is a revival of primitive godliness. Would God that this convention may not close until that something comes to us — not a revival of merely lip service. But a revival of heart and of life, a **change** of practice, a **change** that will help us to true up our objectives in this great movement. Today I plead with you all to take your eyes off the world, and fix them upon the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. Let us talk more about what He is to this movement, than we do about some other things that engage so much of our time and conversation....'—*Review and Herald*, Vol. 114, No. 41, October 14, 1937, pp. 4-6.

"If you see your sinfulness, do not wait to make yourself better. How many there are who think they are not good enough to come to Christ. Do you expect to become better through your own efforts? 'Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.' There is help for us only in God. We must not wait for stronger persuasions, for better opportunities, or holier tempers. We can do nothing of ourselves. We must come to Christ just as we are.'—*Steps to Christ*, pp. 35, 36.

"You can not atone for your past sins, you can not change your heart, and make yourself holy. But God promises to do all this for you through Christ. You believe that promise. You confess your sins, and give yourself to God. You will to serve Him. Just as surely as you do this, God will fulfill His word to you. If you believe the promise,—believe that you are forgiven and cleansed,—God supplies the fact; you are made whole, just as Christ gave the paralytic power to walk when the man believed that he was healed. It is so if you believe it.'—*Steps to Christ*, p. 55."—1 Ans. p. 53, 54



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