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## Valuable Ore

by Ellen G. White

*The fact that we are called upon to endure trial proves that the Lord Jesus sees in us something very precious, which He desires to develop. If He saw in us nothing whereby He might glorify His name He would not spend time in refining us. We do not take special pains in pruning brambles. Christ does not cast worthless stones into His furnace. It is valuable ore that He tests.*

*The blacksmith puts the iron and steel into the fire that he may know what manner of metal they are. The Lord allows His chosen ones to be placed in the furnace of affliction in order that He may see what temper they are of and whether He can mold and fashion them for His work.*

*—Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 7, 214.*

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### Mission Statement

The ministry of *Future for America* is to proclaim the final warning message of Revelation 14 as identified within the prophecies of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. The end-time fulfillment of Bible prophecy is no longer future—for it is taking place before our eyes. The historic, prophetic understanding of Seventh-day Adventism is now *present truth*. We are the final generation. Our emphasis on the **prophetic word** includes all the counsel of God's Word. To know what lies ahead is useless if we do not possess the experience to stand during these solemn times. Through obedience to God's law, and faith in the promises of God's Word, we are to receive that experience.

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*Future for America* intends to print and distribute **truth-filled literature**, while helping to establish lay-printing operations in parts of the Lord's vineyard where faithful brethren do not have the means to raise up a **printing operation** with their own resources.

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*But the path of the just is as a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.*

—Proverbs 4:18.

*Future for America* has come into existence so that meat in due season may reach the flock at this time. . . It is present truth that the flock needs now. We look to add our *flavor* to the many ministries available today.

*Future For America* is a self-supporting 501-C3 nonprofit corporation, and is funded by readers like you. We exist to assist those who are striving to be among the 144,000—through the Prophetic Word and the Health Message—by the power of the Holy Spirit. We hope to help God's people teach our Health Message by using the effective teaching and learning tools which we will provide. We also hope to inspire lay persons to do this by arousing them to the lateness of the hour through the Prophetic messages found in this publication, in seminars, and available in books and on both audio and video tapes.

## \*FYI....

So many times when things seem to go wrong, we turn to the Lord asking, "Why me, Lord?" When I find myself asking this question, I remember the song:

*Why me, Lord.*

*What have I ever done  
to deserve even one*

*of the blessings I've known.*

*Why me, Lord.*

*What did I ever do*

*that was worth loving You,*

*and the kindness You've shown?*

Then the question changes. "Why not me, Lord?" For I do not deserve any of the blessings He has been so gracious as to shower upon me. What do we really deserve? Eternal punishment, pain, sorrow and death. But our loving Saviour has granted us the right to become sons and daughters of God, and the privilege of working for Him! The great honor of uniting together in His truth, and acting a part in speeding the soon return of our beloved Jesus!

When trials come upon us—and we know they will continue to do so in ever increasing strength—we have the promise that we are "*Valuable Ore*" which He is refining for that great day. We have the Word of God through His prophet, Ellen G. White, which tells us to have "*Courage in the Lord*" in all things, no matter what may befall us.

In part 2 of Charles Fitch's letter, we learn that as we submit our wills totally and completely to our Saviour, Redeemer and Friend, "*Sin Shall Not Have Dominion . . .*" over us. Friends, what a precious promise this is! That we shall no longer be subject to sin! No longer to be the subjects of Satan's kingdom—the synagogue of Satan—through disobedience. To be, not only subjects of the heavenly kingdom, heirs of that kingdom!

But in order for this transformation to take place—for it is a complete transformation of life—we need to understand the role that is played by the correct use of our wills. The use of "*Will Power*" is essential in every aspect of our lives, even in the realm of health. It is by the use of our will power that we make the choices as to whether or not we will abide by God's laws of health; whether we will eat, drink and dress to His glory, or to satisfy self. And now in the last days, when our race has suffered 6,000 of degeneration, it is more important than ever before—for we are preparing to present our bodies as a living sacrifice (not a dead and dying one) to the Lord, for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in a measure greater than ever experienced before.

I have agonized for days over the question of what items need to be brought to your attention in this issue of the newsletter—and how it can be presented without descending into the realm of sensationalism. But, Brothers and Sisters, we are now indeed living in "*Perilous Times*." There will shortly

come upon us "a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time" (Daniel 12:1), and even now it is casting its shadows upon us.

When I first saw the jet contrails which did not dissipate, and was told that they were spraying chemical poison upon the population of the United States of America, I found it very hard to believe. But after seeing the contrails, and recognizing the fact that we all got sick immediately afterwards, I began to wonder.

When I first started driving around in this new area, I operated on the Biblical principle: "At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established." Deuteronomy 19: 15. In this way I was able to drive around without getting lost. I would try to remember specific things along the way, by which to ensure that I was returning by the right way. When I saw two or three things which I could recognize, I could be assured that I was on the right road.

So now, when considering the personal experiences—which could be a coincidence—I waited for the two or three witnesses in order to establish the thing in my mind. And friends, there have been many more witnesses than the two or three needed according to the Biblical standard. I cannot give you all the messages I have received which verify this—there is not enough room to do so.

I have also gotten several reports that President Clinton is planning on signing a bill during the month of March which will set aside Sunday as a "Family Day." One of the aspects of this law, is that there will be no sporting events held on Sunday. The rest I do not know. But we are living indeed in perilous times. One of the letters I received was through the internet, from Heesoo. I was impressed with the sincerity of the letter, and so I am giving it to you as "*A Letter of Appeal*." I am not asking that you accept every aspect of this letter, but that you be aware of what is happening, and do some research on your own. This is no time to close our eyes for a little slumber, a little sleep.

Jeff and Kathy Pippenger are in the middle of their move to Tennessee. They should be here by the 25th of March. On April 10th Jeff will be speaking in Le Center, MN. From April 15th to May 8th, he will be in the Philip-pines; and from May 21st through June 6th, in Colombia. So they will be very busy few months, and we request your prayers on their behalf.

May God grant us all His power in a measure greater than we have ever experienced, that we may put sin out of our lives and be ready for those things which are coming upon the earth.

Your sister in the blessed hope,

*Denise Matlean*

\*For Your Information

# COURAGE IN THE LORD

by Ellen G. White

Recently in the night season, my mind was impressed by the Holy Spirit with the thought that if the Lord is coming as soon as we believe He is, we ought to be even more active than we have been in years past in getting the truth before the people.

In this connection my mind reverted to the activity of the advent believers in 1843 and 1844. At that time there was much house-to-house visitation, and untiring efforts were made to warn the people of the things that are spoken of in God's word. We should be putting forth even greater effort than was put forth by those who proclaimed the first angel's message so faithfully. We are rapidly approaching the end of this earth's history; and as we realize that Jesus is indeed coming soon, we shall be aroused to labor as never before. We are bidden to sound an alarm to the people. And in our own lives we are to show forth the power of truth and righteousness. The world is soon to meet the great Lawgiver over His broken law. Those only who turn from transgression to obedience can hope for pardon and peace.

We are to raise the banner on which is inscribed, "The commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Revelation 14:12. Obedience to God's law is the great issue. Let it not be put out of sight. We must strive to arouse church members, and those who make no profession, to see and obey the claims of the law of Heaven. We are to magnify this law and make it honorable.

Christ has commissioned us to sow the seeds of truth, and to urge upon our people the importance of the work to be done by those who are living amidst the closing scenes of this earth's history. As the words of truth are proclaimed in the highways and the byways, there is to be a revelation of the working of the Spirit of God on human hearts.

Oh, how much good might be accomplished if all who have the truth, the word of life, would labor for the enlightenment of those who have it not. When the Samaritans

came to Christ at the call of the Samaritan woman, Christ spoke of them to His disciples as a field of grain ready for harvesting. "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest?" He said, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35. Christ abode with the Samaritans for two days; for they were hungry to hear the truth. And what busy days they were! As a result of those days of labor, "many more believed because of his own word." This was their testimony: "We have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world." Verses 41-42.

Who among God's professing people will take up this sacred work, and labor for the souls who are perishing for lack of knowledge? The world must be warned. Many places are pointed out to me as in need of consecrated, faithful, untiring effort. Christ is opening the hearts and minds of many in our large cities. These need the truths of God's Word; and if we will come into a sacred nearness with Christ, and will seek to draw near to these people, impressions for good will be made. We need to wake up, and enter into sympathy with Christ and with our fellow men. The large and small cities, and places nigh and afar off, are to be worked, and worked intelligently. Never draw back. The Lord will make the right impressions upon hearts, if we will work in unison with His Spirit.

I have words of encouragement for you, my brethren. We are to move forward in faith and hope, expecting large things from God. The enemy will seek in every way to hinder the efforts that are being made to advance the truth, but in the strength of the Lord you may gain success. Let no discouraging words be spoken, but only such words as will tend to strengthen and sustain your fellow workers.

## A PERSONAL WORD

I long to be personally engaged in earnest work in the field, and I

should most assuredly be engaged in more public labor did I not believe that at my age it is not wise to presume on one's physical strength. I have a work to do in communicating to the church and to the world the light that has been entrusted to me from time to time all through the years during which the third angel's message has been proclaimed. My heart is filled with a most earnest desire to place the truth before all who can be reached. And I am still acting a part in preparing matter for publication. But I have to move carefully, lest I place myself where I cannot write at all. I know not how long I may live, but I am not suffering as much health-wise as I might expect.

Following the General Conference of 1909 I spent several weeks attending campmeetings and other general gatherings, and visiting various institutions, in New England, the Central States, and the Middle West.

Upon returning to my home in California I took up anew the work of preparing matter for the press. During the past four years I have written comparatively few letters. What strength I have had has been given mostly to the completion of important book work.

Occasionally I have attended meetings, and have visited institutions in California, but the greater portion of the time since the last General Conference has been spent in manuscript work at my country home, "Elmshaven," near Saint Helena.

I am thankful that the Lord is sparing my life to work a little longer on my books. Oh that I had strength to do all that I see ought to be done! I pray that He may impart to me wisdom, that the truths our people so much need may be presented clearly and acceptably. I am encouraged to believe that God will enable me to do this.

My interest in the general work is still as deep as ever, and I greatly desire that the cause of present truth shall steadily advance in all parts of the world. But I find it advisable not

to attempt much public work while my book work demands my supervision. I have some of the best workers—those who in the providence of God connected with me in Australia, with others who have united with me since my return to America. I thank the Lord for these helpers. We are all very busy, doing our best to prepare matter for publication. I want the light of truth to go to every place, that it may enlighten those now ignorant of the reasons of our faith. On some days my eyes trouble me, and I suffer considerable pain in them. But I praise the Lord that He preserves my sight. It would not be strange if at my age I could not use my eyes at all.

I am more thankful than I can express for the uplifting of the Spirit of the Lord, for the comfort and grace that He continues to give me, and that He grants me strength and opportunity to impart courage and help to His people. As long as the Lord spares my life, I will be faithful and true to Him, seeking to do His will and to glorify His name. May the Lord increase my faith, that I may follow on to know Him, and to do His will more perfectly. Good is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. See Psalm 48:1.

#### **INFLUENCE OF OLDER WORKERS**

I greatly desire that the old soldiers of the cross, those grown gray in the Master's service, shall continue to bear their testimony right to the point, in order that those younger in the faith may understand that the messages which the Lord gave us in the past are very important at this stage of the earth's history. Our past experience has not lost one jot of its force.

Let all be careful not to discourage the pioneers, or cause them to feel that there is little they can do. Their influence may still be mightily exerted in the work of the Lord. The testimony of the aged ministers will ever be a help and a blessing to the church. God will watch over His tried and faithful standard-bearers, night and day, until the time comes for them to lay off their armor. Let them be assured that they are under the protecting care of Him who never slumbers or sleeps; that they

are watched over by unwearied sentinels. Knowing this, and realizing that they are abiding in Christ, they may rest trustfully in the providences of God.

#### **"EVEN TO THE END"**

I pray earnestly that the work we do at this time shall impress itself deeply on heart and mind and soul. Perplexities will increase; but let us, as believers in God, encourage one another. Let us not lower the standard, but keep it lifted high, looking to Him who is the Author and Finisher of our faith. When in the light season I am unable to sleep I lift my heart in prayer to God, and He strengthens me and gives me the assurance that He is with His ministering servants in the home field and in distant lands. I am encouraged and blessed as I realize that the God of Israel is still guiding His people, and that He will continue to be with them, even to the end.

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#### **TO ADVANCE IN INCREASED EFFICIENCY**

I am instructed to say to our ministering brethren, Let the messages that come from your lips be charged with the power of the Spirit of God. If ever there was a time when we needed the special guidance of the Holy Spirit, it is now. We need a thorough consecration. It is fully time that we gave to the world a demonstration of the power of God in our own lives and in our ministry.

The Lord desires to see the work of proclaiming the third angel's message carried forward with increasing efficiency. As He has worked in all ages to give victories to His people, so in this age He longs to carry to a triumphant fulfillment His purposes for His church. He bids His believing saints to advance unitedly, going from strength to greater strength, from faith to increased assurance and confidence in the truth and righteousness of His cause.

We are to stand firm as a rock

to the principles of the Word of God, remembering that God is with us to give us strength to meet each new experience. Let us ever maintain in our lives the principles of righteousness, that we may go forward from strength to strength in the name of the Lord. We are to hold very sacred the faith that has been substantiated by the instruction and approval of the Spirit of God from our earliest experience until the present time. We are to cherish as very precious the work that the Lord has been carrying forward through His commandment-keeping people, and which, through the power of His grace, will grow stronger and more efficient as time advances. The enemy is seeking to becloud the discernment of God's people, and to weaken their efficiency, but if they will labor as the Spirit of God shall direct, He will open doors of opportunity before them for the work of building up the old waste

places. Their experience will be one of constant growth, until the Lord shall descend from heaven with power and great glory to set His seal of final triumph upon His faithful ones.

#### **PROMISE OF FINAL TRIUMPH**

The work that lies before us is one that will put to the stretch every power of the human being. It will call for the exercise of strong faith and constant vigilance. At times the difficulties that we shall meet will be most disheartening. The very greatness of the task will appall us. And yet, with God's help, His servants will finally triumph. "Wherefore," my brethren, "I desire that ye faint not" because of the trying experiences that are before you. Jesus will be with you; He will go before you by His Holy Spirit, preparing the way; and He will be your Helper in every emergency. Ephesians 3:13.

"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in

**(Courage... Continued on page 15.)**

# Sin Shall Not Have Dominion . . .

By Charles Fitch

**NOTE:** In 1840, the Presbytery of Newark asked Charles Fitch—a Presbyterian minister—to tell them “what this new doctrine is.” Their response to his first letter laying forth the reasons for his belief in the doctrine of the entire sanctification of God’s people by faith in Christ, was to instruct him to cease preaching what they considered to be “an important and dangerous error.” In his second letter, Brother Fitch gave four reasons why he could not cease preaching this truth. This is the second part of the first reason which he gave them. Reasons 2 through 4 will be given in the last of this 3 part series.

I had now come truly to the plucking out of the right eye and the cutting off of the right hand—to the point where I must forsake “brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name’s sake.” Matthew 19:29. Could I make the sacrifice? Could I become an outcast from my brethren, and an alien from my mother’s children? Could I become as lost to the friends I had loved most dearly, and have my name cast out as evil by those whose kind regards I most wished to retain in order to please my Savior and enjoy His love as for a little while He had permitted me to do? The struggle was severe. It cost me as much to make these sacrifices as it would cost any one of my brethren, but I could not long hesitate. I had prayed that I might continually enjoy the Savior’s love, and He had now shown me what it would cost me—and, blessed be His name, He gave me strength to make choice of His love at the sacrifice, if necessary, of everything that I held dear on earth.

I was enabled to pray, Lord, restore me again to that blessed state of conscious purity and peace, and love to Thee, and blessedness in Thee which I once enjoyed, and I will confess Thy faithfulness to the world, and let my worthless name be re-

proached as it may. Save me, Lord, from my sins—redeem me from all iniquity, and give me evidence of it on which I can rely, so that I can go before the world with no hypocritical pretensions to something which I do not possess—let me in deed and in truth be cleansed from all unrighteousness, and have full and satisfactory evidence that Thou hast done this for me, and I will declare Thy faithfulness, and in Thy strength meet all that shall follow.

In this state of mind, I took up the Word of God, and came to the following passage in the words of Paul to the Romans: “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be *dead indeed* unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:11. All emphasis added unless otherwise noted.

I had before thought of this passage, and it had seemed to me that there was a meaning in it which I did not understand. I had said in my thoughts, What if I do think myself dead to sin? How will just thinking myself dead to sin make me thus dead? How will any change be wrought in the state of my heart before God by my laboring to think so? Again, I had thought of the injunction: “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin,” and I said in my heart, I will endeavor so to do. However, I found myself wholly unable to do so in any way that even began to satisfy me that I was in truth dead to sin. It was not the comfort of a sincere mistake respecting my own character that I desired. “As the hart panteth after the water brooks” (Psalm 42:1), so panted my soul after a full conformity to the will of God. I felt that nothing would satisfy me for a moment, but “to be *dead indeed* unto sin, but alive unto God.” Nor was it my ambition to have others think me free from sin that I was seeking to gratify, for if I could have made the whole universe believe me to be free from sin while it was not a fact, it would not have begun in the least

degree to satisfy the longings of my soul. Could I have possessed all the wealth, and received all the honor, and enjoyed all the pleasure which the whole universe could have lavished upon me, and have been thought by every creature of God in earth and heaven to have been as pure as the spirits that wait continually before the eternal throne, all this would have done nothing to fill the desires which burned in my heart, to “cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9.

Still, however, with my eye on the injunction, “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord,” I was not able to see how I should do this, so that it should be *indeed and in truth a reality in the sight of God*—nothing short of that would satisfy me for a moment. I now remembered that blessed promise of our divine and glorious and loving Savior; “When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.” “He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” John 16:13; 14:26. I now cast myself down before the Lord, and prayed in the name of Christ that the Holy Spirit might guide me into all truth respecting the passage before me, and teach me how to reckon myself dead to sin and alive to God so that it would be a reality, and not a thing of imagination. Having made known my request, I trusted in Christ that the teachings of the Spirit would be given me. “Whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.” John 15:16. I therefore placed my confidence in the Savior, and believed that for His sake the Holy Spirit would show me how to “reckon ye also yourselves to be *dead indeed* unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Instantly, while I was even on my knees with the blessed Bible open before me on those words, there seemed shed upon them a flood of

heavenly light, and my very soul was filled with unutterable gladness with "joy unspeakable and full of glory" (1 Peter 1:8), with the thought that seemed clear as the brightness of a thousand suns that I was to "reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin," by trusting my Lord Jesus Christ to keep me dead to sin, "but alive unto God." This I saw would be reckoning myself to be dead unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ my Lord. It was to cease forever from placing my confidence in my own strength, and to rely altogether upon the strength and faithfulness of my blessed Lord Jesus Christ to make and keep me pure within, to make and keep me "dead indeed unto sin," to make and keep me "alive unto God." And now, if I had found myself that moment monarch of the world with its crown on my head, its scepter in my hand, its accumulated treasures at my feet, and every individual among all its multitudes ready to do my bidding, it would not have begun to afford me the joy which I felt when I saw, as I then did, the privilege which a God of infinite love had granted me to reckon myself dead indeed unto sin by trusting my Lord Jesus Christ to make and keep me thus alive. How glorious and lovely did my Savior then appear! "Or ever I was aware, my soul made me like the chariots of Amminadib." Song of Solomon 6:12. If the crown and the scepter and the riches and the homage of the world had been mine, I should have leaped for joy and run to give Christ the scepter and the crown, the riches and the homage; and to lay myself in the dust at His feet to be His humblest, lowliest servant forevermore. Oh, since I have known my high privilege to reckon myself dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ my Lord, "thy name is as ointment poured forth." "Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine. . . . Draw me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: [by His strength] the upright love thee." Song of Solomon 1:3, 2, 4.

When the Holy Spirit thus enlight-

ened me respecting the privilege of reckoning myself dead indeed unto sin, but alive to God through Jesus Christ my Lord, He that moment enabled me to avail myself of the privilege, and I instantly found myself more than restored to that blessed state of conscious purity of heart before God from which I had fallen by refusing to confess before men what my Savior had done for me.

The love of the world was gone; no sinful indulgence had any charm for me. My whole heart was won by Christ, and filled with overflowing love to Him, and I feel that a thousand hearts, had they been mine, would have been most joyfully consecrated to His service. I had no will but His, and no desire of life or death or eternity, but to be disposed of in that way which would secure the highest possible praise to my Redeemer. I was now delivered from

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the fear of man, and as I had covenanted with the Lord to confess His faithfulness to the world, when He should give me evidence on which I could rely that I was redeemed from all iniquity, and as I had now found myself, and in a way so glorious and delightful beyond everything I had ever before conceived, made "dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." I had been so abundantly enlightened respecting the privilege of every Christian to be kept in that state by the faithfulness of the dear Redeemer, I could not for a moment hesitate. It was my duty to declare to the world that by the power of the Holy Spirit given me by my own blessed Savior, I was made "dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Besides, I had once known the bitterness of denying my Savior here, and the blessed work which He had wrought in me, for the purpose of

retaining the good opinion of man; the Holy Spirit had set that sin before me, and I had opened my mouth to the Lord that if He would restore me, I would bear His reproach. And now He had enabled me once more in His infinite and abounding mercy, "with the heart man believeth unto righteousness," and it remained that "with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" from falling again into the snare of the devil. Romans 10:10,

I have been enabled to make this confession to the world—That "the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself" (Titus 2:13-14); that I am dead unto sin, and alive unto God through Jesus Christ my Lord, that the God of peace is faithful to sanctify me wholly, and to preserve my whole

spirit, soul, and body blameless unto the coming of my Lord Jesus Christ; that "the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep," does "through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." Hebrews 13:20-21. I felt that in making this confession, I was laying myself and my all, a sacrifice on the altar of my God and Savior; but that Savior had led me by His own amazing love, and given me a heart that could deny Him no more, and that was ready and glad at all hazards to confess His faithfulness and power and love to the world.

I knew that the world would reproach me. I knew that God's professed people would cast out my name as evil. I knew that the friends whom I loved most dearly would,

many of them, perhaps, weep over me as lost. I knew that the confidence of the churches with which I stood connected would be withdrawn from me, and perhaps all my past prospects of a maintenance of myself and my household be entirely cut off; but I knew that my Redeemer lived—and that all power was given unto Him in heaven and on earth, and that I had only to "seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness", nothing doubting, but "consider the lilies of the field, how they grow . . . even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these" (Matthew 6:33, 28-29), would surely feed and clothe me and mine.

In this state of mind I did, at the altar of my God, make confession of what God had taught me of His truth, and of what I had been made to feel of His purifying, sanctifying grace in Jesus Christ, and thus I discharged a duty to which I am sure I

God. They were as follows: "God is *faithful*, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 1:9. "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:23. "God is *faithful*, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Corinthians 10:13. "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called *Faithful and True*." Revelation 19:11.

His name is also called the Word of God. "And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." Revelation 19:16. While reflecting thus upon the faithfulness of my God and Savior, my whole soul

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*My soul exulted with amazing gladness, and I could only walk from my room weeping aloud for joy, and pouring out my tears of overflowing delight as I uttered again and again the single expression—my faithful God—my faithful God.*

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never could have been led by anything, but a once crucified and now glorified Savior's love, manifested to me by the Holy Ghost. I have no more doubt that I was constrained to this step by the love of Christ, than I have that Christ or my own soul has a being. I know I was not led to it by a love of the world, for I never could have done it until the last vestige of the love of the world had been taken from me. I know that until I had made of the whole world an entire sacrifice to Christ, I never could have thus held myself up to scorn.

On the morning of the day which immediately followed the Sabbath when I first "witnessed this confession" before men, I had a season of communion with God of which I will speak because I think it may do good. I was alone in my chamber, and meditating upon some passages of Scripture which made mention of the faithfulness of

seemed heaved with inexpressible emotions, and poured out in floods of gushing love at my Redeemer's feet. I felt that I had forsaken all for Him, and could now only leave myself in His hands, and commit all my interests to His disposal. And now in view of the safety of trusting my all with Him, my soul exulted with amazing gladness, and I could only walk from my room weeping aloud for joy, and pouring out my tears of overflowing delight as I uttered again and again the single expression—my faithful God—my faithful God.

Since that time I have had various conflicts with Satan, but I have never for a moment doubted the faithfulness of my Redeemer in saving all His people from their sins who will believe on His name for that blessing. I see most clearly that the only reason why any Christian is not saved from sin is "because of unbelief." Romans 11:20.

I have by no means been all that I hope or expect to be, for I see that it is the privilege of the Christian that has been redeemed from all iniquity, still "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before" (Philippians 3:13), and "beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." 2 Corinthians 3:18. I believe that to be cleansed from all unrighteousness is by no means the height of the Christian's privilege on earth, that beyond that he may go on "to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge," and be filled more and more "with all the fullness of God." Even then, we may still say to Him with the apostle, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Ephesians 3:18-21.

You will now see, brethren, in what I have related to you of the leadings and teachings of God's Spirit with my own soul why I cannot regard your admonition, and desist from preaching the doctrine of entire sanctification by faith in Christ. I could not do it without regarding myself as a traitor to my blessed Lord and Master, who has made to me—a miserable, unworthy, hell-deserving worm of the dust—manifestations of His presence and love, bright and glorious, far beyond anything which I once could have conceived. I believe "the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:23. I feel that "necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not this gospel!" 1 Corinthians 9:16. Like Jonah fleeing to Tarshish, I once attempted to escape the discharge of duty. Like Jeremiah, "I said, I will not make



# WILL POWER

by Ellen G. White

**S**ICKNESS is largely the want of will. Everything is brain. There are thought and feeling, not only, but will; and will includes in it far more than mental philosophers think. It acts universally; now upon the mind, and then just as much upon the body. It is another name for life—force. Men in whom this life, or will-power, is great, resist disease, and combat it when attacked. To array a man's mind against his sickness, is the supreme art of medicine. Inspire in man courage and purpose, and the mind-power will cast out disease. "Nothing ails her. It is only her imagination," said the nurse one day. "Only" the imagination?—That is enough. Better suffer in bone and muscle than in imagination. If the body is sick, the mind can cure it; but if the mind is sick, what can cure it?

As my eye traced the above lines, I felt the force of them. In journeying, I have met many who were really sufferers through their imaginations. They lacked will-power, to rise above and combat disease of body and mind; and, therefore, they were held in suffering bondage. A large share of this class of invalids is found among the youth.

I sometimes meet with young women lying in bed sick. They complain of headache. Their pulse may

be firm, and they be full in flesh; yet their sallow skins indicate that they are bilious. My thoughts have been that, if I were in their condition, I should know at once what course to pursue, to obtain relief. Although I might feel indisposed, I should not expect to recover while lying in bed. I should baring will-power to my aid, and should leave my bed, and engage in active, physical exercise. I should strictly observe regular habits of rising early. I should eat sparingly, thus relieving my system of unnecessary burden, and should encourage cheerfulness, and give myself the benefits of proper exercise in the open air. I should bathe frequently, and drink freely of pure, soft water. If this course should be followed perseveringly, resisting the inclination to do otherwise, it would work wonders in the recovery of health.

I feel sad for those who are not only deceived themselves in thinking that they are sick; but who are kept deceived by their parents and friends, who pet their ailments, and relieve them from labor. If these were so situated as to be compelled to labor, they would scarcely notice difficulties, which while indolent, keep them in bed. Physical exercise is a precious blessing for both mental and physical ailments. Exercise, with

cheerfulness, would, in many cases, prove a most effective restorer to the complaining invalid. Useful employment would bring into exercise the enfeebled muscles, and would enliven the stagnant blood in the system, and would arouse the torpid liver to perform its work. The circulation of the blood would be equalized, and the entire system invigorated to overcome bad conditions.

I frequently turn from the bedside of these self-made invalids, saying to myself, Dying by inches, dying of indolence, a disease which no one but themselves can cure. I sometimes see young men and women who might be a blessing to their parents, if they would share with them the cares and burdens of life. But they feel no disposition to do this; because it is not agreeable, but is attended with some weariness. They devote much of their time in vain amusement, to the neglect of duties necessary for them to perform, in order to obtain an experience which will be of great value to them in their future battles with the difficulties of real life. They live for the present only, and neglect the physical, mental, and moral qualifications, which would fit them for the emergencies of life, and give them self-reliance and self-respect in times of trial and of danger.

—*The Health Reformer*, January 1871.

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mention of him, nor speak any more his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay." Jeremiah 20:9. Once I denied the faithfulness of my Redeemer; but He forgave me, and has restored me to the enjoyment of His love, and has, as I firmly believe, in faithfulness to His own promise, "circumcise thine heart, . . . to love the LORD thy God with all

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thine heart, and with all thy soul." Deuteronomy 30:6. I must speak it to the world, Let Him have the glory, and let me bear the reproach which I must bear for His sake. I must confess it to the world for the purpose of making known, as far as I am able with His blessing, to all God's people their high privileges in Christ Jesus. "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me

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is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." Galatians 1:11-12. And now, "whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Acts 4:19-20. —*Sin Shall Not Have Dominion Over You*, 43-49.

# T I M E L I N E S

## In the stream of time . . . near the end of the line.

**Y2K Problems Overseas**  
 WASHINGTON (AP)—The Year 2000 computer problem could cause serious disruptions abroad, including breakdowns in nuclear reactors and strategic missile systems, midwinter power outages and disruptions in world trade and oil shipments, a CIA official warned today. The United States is regarded as the world leader in fixing the Y2K problem, but the draft of a report being prepared by two senators who have been studying the issue, said the consequences within the country should not be underestimated either.—*Associated Press*.

### Senate Report On Y2K

In the most comprehensive, most "official" and perhaps most credible assessment yet, the Senate Special Committee on the Year 2000 describes the Y2K computer problem as a "worldwide crisis" and as "one of the most serious and potentially devastating events this nation has ever encountered." The committee warns: "This problem will affect us all individually and collectively in very profound ways.... It will indeed impact individual businesses and the global economy. In some cases, lives could even be at stake."

"The committee has no data to suggest that the United States will experience nationwide social or economic collapse, but we believe that disruptions will occur that in some cases will be significant. The international situation will be more disturbing. Those who suggest that it will be nothing more than a 'bump in the road' are simply misinformed."

"Consumers are urged to keep copies of financial statements," the report states. "Stockpiling a small amount of extra food and water in the event of temporary shortages may also be advisable."

### ID Cards

The battle over bar-coded ID cards in a small public high school in Elkins, West Virginia, could be an omen for public schools across the country.

A veteran teacher whose religious convictions have been ridiculed by school board members and ignored by the administration, found himself without a job yesterday.

Phillip Hudok . . . is now on unpaid suspension waiting for a hearing to determine if he will continue his 22-year career as a physics and chemistry teacher at Elkins High School.

What happened to Hudok may soon happen to other fundamentalist Christian teachers around the nation. The Randolph County Board of Education claims to be on the cutting edge of federal recommendations that are soon expected to become requirements.

. . . Students and faculty are now required to wear a photo ID with a bar code. It must be visible at all times, as recommended by the federal government.

Hudok resisted for religious reasons. A small group of students also refused. Hudok was granted permission to create his own ID card, but he refused to police students for ID cards as they entered his classroom.

"I can't do that. How can I possibly ask someone to do something that I can't do myself? They've already given me permission to cut off the bar code, which I did. But they're saying that I have to enforce the students to wear their cards which have bar codes," explained Hudok.— By David M. Bresnahan, *WorldNetDaily.com*, January 27, 1999.

### Persecution in India

Mr. Graham Staines, an Australian missionary aged about 50 years, and two of his sons aged 10 and 7, were set on fire inside their jeep at 1 AM this morning. All three perished in the flames. The attack took place in Manoharpur village.

Members of the RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh) are alleged to have been involved in this horrifying act. The RSS are well-known Hindu militants, a far-right nationalist group that many regard as the real power behind the current government. Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated by an RSS operative in 1948.

Mr. Staines . . . had been working in the Mayurbhanj area for the last 20 years.—*Evangelical Fellowship of India*, January 23, 1999.

### Missionaries Beaten

In central India, five Baptist missionaries were beaten by Hindu political activists when they were found distributing Christian literature Sunday at a Hindu holy site in Allahabad, police said today. . . .

Missionaries have worked in India for 200 years, building hospitals and schools, reaching deep into jungles and remote areas to tend to backward tribes and poor

people often neglected by the authorities.

Hindus both admire the missionaries for their good work and fear them for their efforts to win converts to Christianity. Missionaries are often seen as the legacy of British colonial rule.—DONNA BRYSON, *The Associated Press*, January 28, 1999.

### Prime Minister Fasts

NEW DELHI, India (Reuters)—Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee began a day of fasting Saturday as part of a drive to promote religious harmony following recent attacks on his country's tiny Christian minority.

The moderate leader of the Hindu nationalist-led government chose the anniversary of the assassination of India's apostle of peace, Mahatma Gandhi, and Gandhi's favorite mode of protest, to make a nationwide appeal for tolerance. Gandhi, who used hunger strikes to protest against British colonial rule and Hindu-Muslim violence, was shot dead by a Hindu fanatic on January 30, 1948, five months after India won independence from Britain.

Vajpayee was scheduled to broadcast a speech marking the anniversary by radio in the afternoon. "I call upon the countrymen who are capable of fasting to do so on January 30 to cleanse their body, mind and soul, as a homage to the Mahatma and to rededicate ourselves to build the India of his dreams," Vajpayee said earlier this week.

Vajpayee has expressed concern over the rising incidence of sectarian violence and has vowed to ensure punishment for those guilty. Hindu activists deny any role in the attacks but claim that missionaries are converting the poor by force. Christian activists say they only provide charity to the poor.—Mark Albrecht, Conference Moderator, *World Evangelical Fellowship's Religious Liberty E-mail Conference*, January 30, 1999.

### Minister Quits over Attacks

NEW DELHI, India, Jan. 30 (UPI)—A senior minister of India's ruling coalition government, led by the right-wing Hindu fundamentalist Bharatiya Janata Party, has quit in protest over recent attacks on the Christian community by suspected Hindu radicals.

Parliamentary Affairs and Tourism Minister Madan Lal Khurana resigned his position today saying he felt ashamed of being part of an administration that could not protect the

lives of minorities in India. Hindu radicals have been blamed for the brutal killing of an Australian Baptist missionary and his two sons, who were burned alive while they were sleeping in a vehicle in eastern India over the weekend.

Condemning the killings, Khurana said: "My head has bowed in shame. I am shaken and I want to atone." The ruling BJP has come under criticism . . . for its inability to check the spread of Hindu extremism.

Besides ransacking several churches, four nuns were raped by 20 suspected Hindu radicals in central India in September.

Hindu groups accuse Christian missionaries of converting Hindus by luring them with money and jobs. Christian leaders admit conversions but deny offering inducements to Hindus who convert.—*United Press International*, January 30, 1999.

#### Indonesia Riots

AMBON, Indonesia—At least 40 Christian villagers, including women and children, were killed in Indonesia last week, reportedly by a mob of Muslims seeking revenge for earlier clashes, officials and a local Roman Catholic priest said on Monday.

The attack occurred in Telagakodok, 25 miles north of Ambon, . . . after Muslims in a nearby town learned that mosques had been burned in Ambon at the outset of the clashes last Tuesday.

The official death toll from five days of rioting, which spread to outlying areas around Ambon and the neighboring island of Senana, now stands at more than 50, although local church and government officials say the final death toll could be much higher. . . . The town is under military curfew.

All the victims were Christian emigres from the southeastern part of the region and included one pregnant woman. The priest said other people had been decapitated or speared and hacked to death. His account was confirmed by a senior government official, who asked not to be identified.

Residents and police and government officials said that at the height of the rioting, an unknown number of people were beaten to death near the waterfront and their bodies thrown into the sea. At the military police compound, 70 Muslims from 10 families have been taking shelter for a week from Christian gangs.

Indonesia's worst economic recession in 30 years, a sharp increase in law-and-order problems after student-led riots in Jakarta and the resignation of President Suharto have all contributed

to the instability.—*The New York Times*, January 26, 1999.

#### Indonesia News and Analysis

Indonesia continues to be gripped with fear and loathing over Muslim-Christian tensions and rioting.

Our WEF correspondent in Indonesia, who has close relatives in Ambon, sent us the following assessment yesterday:

"The situation in Ambon is very serious and tragic. Reports from my sources indicate that over 2,000 people have died there. Many more than the reported 13 churches have been burned and many mosques have been burned as well.

"The Ambonese Christians are very fiery people and have put up with a lot of injustices—small and large—from Muslim and government sources. In the current climate of insecurity, poverty and fear, their attitude is "We're extremely angry and we're not going to take it anymore!" Some Christians are talking in holy war terms that are usually more associated with Muslim rhetoric. It is very very tragic, far from the Gospel and very dangerous."—*World Evangelical Fellowship's Religious Liberty E-mail Conference*, Mark Albrecht, Conference Moderator, February 24, 1999.

#### Security Under Scrutiny

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Compass)—The role of Indonesia's security forces has come under scrutiny as fact-finding teams return from Ambon Island, central Indonesia, where religious riots tore through villages and towns January 19-24.

Evidence is mounting that, in some cases, police and army personnel allowed Muslim rioters to pass through checkpoints unchallenged; they even embraced rioters during a massacre and then drove away, leaving Christians to die.

Catholic and Protestant church leaders issued a strongly worded statement on January 27, saying that when security forces stepped in to quell the rioters, "It was clear that in their actions they were neither neutral or impartial, (giving the impression) as if all those attacks were perpetrated by Christians."

During the Benteng Karang massacre, four security personnel were witnessed arriving and embracing the rioters, then departing. The rioters went from village to village, passing through army checkpoints unimpeded despite all the weapons they were carrying. Far from being neutral, the army has been accused of torturing Christians. . . .

Not all the security forces are accused, however, and there are heroic

stories of Muslims and Christians protecting each other from rioters.—Alex Buchan, *Compass Direct*, February 23, 1999.

#### Olympics & Mormon Church

Mormons are undergoing a soul-searching. They have been deeply embarrassed by charges that Salt Lake City, Utah, cheated to win the right to host the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

*Nation's Business* magazine had honored the Salt Lake City-Provo area as the top large metropolis to start and build a business, and *Time* magazine named it one of the country's five "hottest places" for job growth.

...But the still-unfolding charges that Salt Lake City won the right to host the Games by influence peddling have tarnished that image. Members of the Salt Lake Olympic Bid Committee, many of whom are reportedly members of the Mormon Church, are accused of giving money, gifts, and other financial favors to International Olympic Committee members and their families.—*Religion-Today.com*, February 1, 1999.

Pope to Star in Music Video, CD  
ROME (AP)—Pope John Paul II is about to star in a music video.

Sony Classical and Vatican Radio announced plans for the video, saying it will be a spin-off of their joint release of a music CD titled "Abba Pater."

"Abba Pater" will combine "original compositions and arrangements of contemporary musical forms with live recordings of Pope John Paul II delivering prayers, homilies and chants in five languages," Sony said. Abba is Aramaic for father, pater is father in Latin.

The CD is scheduled for release in March, ahead of Holy Week and Easter, according to the Vatican.

One of the 11 tracks, which features the pope chanting the Pater Noster (Our Father), also will be produced as a music video.—*The Associated Press*, January 27, 1999.

#### Pope John Paul II in St. Louis

The United States faces a test of "national character" as it confronts issues such as abortion and assisted suicide, Pope John Paul II said in St. Louis Jan. 26. He called for a higher moral vision to resist violence, racism, and "a culture of death."

... "The conflict is between a culture that reaffirms, cherishes, and celebrates the gift of life and a culture that seeks to declare entire groups of human beings—the unborn, the terminally ill, the handicapped and others considered 'unuseful'—to be outside the boundaries of legal protection," he said.—*ReligionToday.com*, January 27, 1999.

# Letters . . . .



Please, please send tape "3-1 Combination [Those Things Which Have Been, Will Be Repeated] Part 4" to my daughters address.

I just listened to this tape. I have three so far from your series. I do not know who gave my name, But thank God. I will take it to the church to share mine with some only some of the Sisters and Brothers there. Oh how I would wish we would learn this end time message in our beloved church.— Are our Pastors asleep? Please dear God wake us up! My heart cries for our own dear people. I will go and give this tape to our Pastor too. He must give this wake up call. . . .

Thank you so much, and may the Lord continue to bless and guide you. May He in His great mercy wake also my husband.

HT-NY

Please add to your mailing list (3 addresses).

Enclosed is a little donation. God bless your work! Thank you for the tapes! Please pray for our family as we pray for you.

Sincerely, MB-NC

Thank you so very much for the nice Sabbath surprise, which arrived via my mail box. It was so refreshing to hear the tape. (The 4th of the series.) Please send the rest of the series on "Those Things Which Have Been, Will Be Repeated."

Enclosed is a check to cover the cost.

May the Lord's richest blessings be poured out upon y'all while you labor in His cause in Tennessee.

Yours in Christ, GC-TN

Thank God you arrived safely. I laughed out loud at the account of your trip. Praise God for bringing you across the U.S. safely. Thank God also for the protection in Colombia for our people. I have enclosed a check.

I want to tell you something that was absolutely thrilling to me. . . . I retired from my job and though I am pretty involved at church, still I knew God had something better for me to do. My son does missionary work on the island of Providenciales and right now he is up to his neck with. . . a tent crusade. He lives in my boathouse with three children and does all the washing, cleaning and cooking himself. He is alone.

About 5 days ago I realized God was making me very restless. I knew He had something better He wanted me to do. I asked him one morning "What is this Lord? This strange restless feeling." I am almost 64 and raring to go- I prayed and the question I asked Him, though I have sold most everything that is mine and live in a tiny one bedroom condo—was: Should I simplify my life. Sell this place, get rid of the rest of my stuff (except of course my clothes and precious books) and go to the island and help to raise these children and do missionary work and studies alongside my son. SHOULD I SIMPLIFY MY LIFE?—I got up from that prayer, thinking out loud. I need a quick answer Lord. . . . I am sooo restless and feel that there is so little time. I went out to get the mail. Pulled out a bunch of letters and turned them over. It was like being hit by a bolt of lightning. I almost went to my knees. The envelope in my hand was an

advertisement for C.D.'s—but in HUGE PRINT it said - Simplify Your Life.

I put up my condo for sale, called my son and he was THRILLED. He said "Mom there is so much you can do on these islands. Please, please do come."

Well, today I got your paper and what did you say six times in your FYI? SIMPLIFY YOUR LIVES. O.K. God I am convinced. So much has happened in the last week to show me that this is exactly what God wants. You know what I am speaking of. I can tell it happened in your move too. God is working on His people. Waking them up. Praise God.

Keep well, keep close to Him and may He continue to use you all in a mighty way. I will keep in touch; but as soon as I sell I am on my way to the British West Indies to do missionary work and help raise 3 grandchildren (in the time that's left).

Yours in Christ, ND-NC

I want to thank you for all the information you share with us about your Bible studys. We really appreciate that you keep us inform. We need this kind of ministry. I apologize for my English. I wish I could explain myself in a better way. There is a little contribution for your ministry.

Thanks,  
Sincerely yours, AA-FL

We appreciate your ministry very much and the taped messages you send out. We are in the process of moving . . . and would like for you to send your messages and tapes to [the new address] instead.

Enclosed please find a small gift for your studies! MC-OR

# Perilous Times

By Denise Matlean

*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: . . . Evil men . . . shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.—2 Timothy 3:1-4, 13.*

When men become covetous, proud, unthankful, unholy, fierce, traitors, they will truly be evil men—and we are told that they will “wax worse and worse.” They will be “deceiving and being deceived.” Who is being deceived? Friends, I believe that not only are we being deceived, but that, according to this verse, those who are doing the deceiving are themselves deceived. Could it be that they are truly trying to “save the earth” while they are in fact destroying it and its inhabitants?

*And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. . . . For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. . . . Ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another; and shall hate one another: . . . And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. . . . For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.—Matthew 24:4, 7, 9-10, 12-13, 21-22.*

Could it be that men will be deceiving men in the area of famines, pestilences and earthquakes? We have had many reports of a strange new “flu”-like disease which has filled the nations hospitals. One newspaper article concerning New York City, states:

## New York City Hospitals Scrambling

**New York**—City hospitals are struggling to manage a widespread flu epidemic that is stretching their emergency rooms and wards to over-capacity and forcing workers to ratchet up the overtime, doctors to cancel some elective surgeries and administrators to air out unused wards for patients who are flowing through the doors. . . .

The strain of the virus most prevalent this season appears to be causing higher temperatures in patients and longer periods of coughing, vomiting and general misery than in years past. “This high fever is not typical of other flus,” said Dr. Sigurd Ackerman . . . of St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center. “This one makes people feel sicker, quicker.”

Those who are particularly suffering, many doctors said, are young children, whose bad flus quickly lead to ear infections and respiratory difficulties. . . .

As a result, most hospitals have been begging ambulance services to divert patients elsewhere and are resorting to desperate measures to house those who do come in.

“We have people double- and triple-parked in the ER on stretchers,” said Dr. Elliot Friedman . . . at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center in Queens, echoing stories told by other emergency room doctors around the city. “And there have been times when upwards of 40 people have been admitted but are waiting for someone to be discharged. . . . And every time you turn around, someone else is pulling another ambulance in while someone else is heaving into a bucket.” . . .

“We are operating above 100 percent capacity,” said Dr. Brian Currie . . . of both Montefiore hospitals. . . .

At Lenox Hill Hospital . . . the tales of woe have been similar. “This is the most significant sustained volume I have seen in my 10 years of doing this,” lamented Dr. Michael Marin. . . . “This is the busiest January we have ever had.”

. . . And at the city's public hospitals, officials said that flu cases had risen anywhere from 33 percent to 240 percent when compared with last year, with Elmhurst Hospital Center suffering the most. . . .

The “stomach flu,” which is not a flu at all, according to information from the Centers for Disease Control, has also hit many people this year, landing them in the emergency rooms, too.

Virology experts seem to agree that it is more or less impossible to predict the route a virus will take, or to say why it is prevalent in one area over another. “I don't know what the reason is,” Spigland said. “Perhaps it is because New York is a dense urban population with people exposing each other, and it is also very possible that the increase in respiratory infections may not be due to the flu.” . . .

Hospitals are not the only ones under strain. Pediatricians around the city have said they cannot wait for this season to end. “It seems to be much worse than last year,” said Dr. Alessandra Zullo. . . . “We gave the shots, but they keep coming in.”

Dr. Robert Saken . . . said he had to hospitalize some children for dehydration. “It was surprising to me how sick they got and how quickly it happened,” he said. “It has been horrible. The kids are having really high fevers and coughing like crazy and then the parents get sick and it is stressful for everyone.”—Jennifer Steinhauer, *The New York Times*, January 31, 1999

I have received numerous reports of similar sicknesses across the entire nation. Many reports are questioning the source of the illness, as is this report writ-

ten by a veteran independent journalist.

## Hospitals Jammed as Banned Pesticide is Sprayed from the Skies

**SEATTLE, WA**—As formations of unmarked tanker aircraft continue to criss-cross American skies on a mission authorities refuse to disclose, an environmental laboratory has identified an extremely toxic component of the spray drifting over cities and countryside.

ENS has learned that samples of oily fall-out collected by farmers, truck drivers and pilots in Maryland and Pennsylvania were tested by Aqua-Tech Environmental of Marion, Ohio in September, 1997 and found to contain ethylene dibromide (EDB). An extremely hazardous pesticide, EDB was banned by the US Environmental Protection Agency in 1983.

But in 1991, the composition of jet fuel used by commercial and military jet aircraft in the US was changed from JP4 to somewhat less flammable JP8. A Department of Defense source says the move “has saved some lives” in air crashes. Ethylene dibromide is a key component of JP8.

According to the US Environmental Protection Agency's hazardous materials list: “Ethylene dibromide is a carcinogen and must be handled with extreme caution.” A seven-page summary of this pesticide's extreme toxicity notes that EDB may also damage the reproductive system. According to the EPA, “Exposure can irritate the lungs, repeated exposure may cause bronchitis, development of cough, and shortness of breath. It will damage the liver and kidneys.”

Mark Witten, a respiratory physiologist at the University of Arizona in Tucson where an official US Air Force study on JP8 was carried out, told *Scientist* in March 1998 that crew chiefs “seem to have more colds, more bronchitis, more chronic coughs than the people not exposed to jet fuel.”

EDB is 6.5-times heavier than air. Unlike normal contrails, the thick white streamers being sprayed from downward-pointing tailbooms over at least 39 states does not dissipate, but spreads into an overcast that refracts a purple color in sunlight and appears suddenly as an oily film in puddles and ponds.

Hundreds of photographs and videotapes made by ground observers show pairs or larger formations of aircraft spreading a white mist that thickens and drifts toward the ground. More than 200 eye-witnesses—including police officers, pilots, military and public health personnel—have provided detailed accounts of aerial spraying in characteristic “X”s and east-to-west grid patterns, followed by occluded skies—acute autoimmune reactions and respiratory infections throughout affected regions. . . .

Severe headaches, nosebleeds, shortness of

breath, joint pain and a dry hacking cough "that never leaves" are being reported by countless Americans jamming hospital Emergency Rooms from coast to coast. . . . Patients, doctors and nurses across the US report hospital wards filled to overflowing with bronchitis, pneumonia and acute asthma admissions at up to twice normal winter rates.

MD Mary Lou Callername told the [Today's News] Herald, "a nameless virus is bringing at least 10 patients a day into her office and driving some into the hospital, but laboratory tests show only a few are suffering from . . . identifiable strains of influenza." . . .

After a resident of Lexington, Kentucky watched helicopters circling the city for several days, flying low overhead at 3 a.m., "the sky looked like a giant checkerboard from the planes criss-crossing it, and the air still had the steel mill smell." According to this eye-witness, "Everyone here is sick. So far six counties have closed all the schools because all the students were sick with 'flu-like symptoms.' I've been having headaches, a sore throat, and an annoying, hacking cough for the past four months and it seems to get worse after I see these aircraft circling the area." . . .

Tommy Farmer, a former engineering technician with Raytheon Missile Systems, has been tracking patterns of jet contrails phenomena for more than a year. . . . Farmer has collected samples of what he calls "angel hair" sprayed by the mystery aircraft on six occasions since February 1998. Four samples have been taken since November 1998. . . . Globular filaments resembling ordinary spider webs, "usually fall in clumps or wads ranging from pencil eraser size to the size of a balled up fist." Winds often whip the cobweb-like material into filaments as long as 50 feet. . . . The sticky substance "melts in your hands" and "adheres to whatever it touches." . . .

Farmer urges caution to collectors after becoming ill after his first contact with the "angel hair." . . . [His] ensuing sore throat and sinus infection lasted several months.

After repeatedly observing aircraft spraying particulates "in front of and into cloud systems," Farmer is "fairly certain the contrail phenomena is one part of a military weather modification weapons system."

He notes that because the chemical contrails allow much more moisture to form inside cloud systems, severe localized storms result from the aerial seeding while surrounding areas that have surrendered their moisture to the storm cells experience drought.

The huge Xs being traced by the formations of tanker jets in the sky can be tracked by satellite and coordinated with the crossed-beams of ionospheric heaters to heat the upper atmosphere—changing its temperature and density and enhancing the storm's effects.

Based in . . . Alaska, this unclassified joint US Air Force and Navy project known as the High Altitude Auroral Research Project (HAARP) has for the past several years been using phased

array antennas to steer powerful beams of tightly focused radio waves "to stimulate" heat and steer sections of the upper atmosphere. . . .

In a US Air Force research study, "Weather as a Force Multiplier" issued August 1996, seven US military officers outlined how HAARP and aerial cloud-seeding from tankers could allow US aerospace forces to "own the weather" by the year 2025. Among the desired objectives were "Storm Enhancement," "Storm Modification" and "Induce Drought."

According to the Air Force report, "In the United States, weather-modification will likely become a part of national security policy with both domestic and international applications."—William Thomas

In a follow up message, Ian Goddard wrote:

Since the story broke, William has been flooded with accounts from around the nation of massive jet-spray operations followed by widespread illness below. He says, I've received many such accounts and I don't know what to make of this: Are these false associations? Are people pulling my leg? Or is this true? Will Thomas says yes!

. . . As we have seen, with respect to the now-repealed U.S. Code 10(1520), the use of entire "civilian populations" for the testing of any chemical or biological warfare agent has been fully permitted, subject only to minor conditions. The new law, USC 10(1520(a)), puts limits only on any public poisoning conducted by one official. If mass poisoning is defined in the law, can we really say that reports of jets spraying sickness down from the skies is such a big surprise?—Ian Goddard, (Ian@Goddard.net).

In the original message to Ian, Will Thomas wrote:

Something huge is going on. In many regions, I can confirm that hospital emergency rooms are filled to overflowing with a sudden epidemic of acute respiratory patients suffering from something doctors cannot diagnose—and that is NOT the flu. Newspapers in Bakersfield, California are reporting jammed emergency rooms. Here's a typical story from a North Carolina newspaper:

"'FEELING ROTTEN? Outbreak of respiratory illnesses has doctors' offices full, but it's probably not the flu,' by Rebecca Lentz, Staff Writer. 'Call it the creeping crud. Call it a virus. Call it whatever you'd like. But whatever it is, it's miserable.' Adults and children alike are down for the count with the virus. Upper respiratory infections are keeping doctors' offices hopping and the hospital seeing record numbers of patients. . . . The majority of illnesses aren't influenza, health officials said.

"This much we know: 1. Reports of odd 'contrails' are coming in from 22 states so far. Many sightings occurred months or years before this story was made public—prompting impromptu snapshots and video recordings and calls to the attention of friends and bystanders by people who are quite used to seeing commercial airplanes and normal contrails—and were aston-

ished to see giant X's and grid-patterns woven 'like Tic-tac-toe' by large aircraft criss-crossing the sky, often for hours over the same area. 2. These are not 'contrails' being reported. The aircraft have been positively identified as USAF Boeing KC-135 and KC-10 air-to-air refueling aircraft spraying an unidentified substance from their tail-booms. 3. The observed tanker aircraft are not engaged in routine formation flying or air-to-air refueling. JP8 fuel inadvertently spilled or dumped to lower landing weights atomizes at jet speeds and does not fall as 'cobwebs' observed by police officers and other reliable witnesses. Routine fuel dumping does not continue over hours by multiple aircraft weaving furrows over the same area until clear blue skies are completely hazed over. 4. Now occurring daily, this extremely expensive nationwide 'spraying' is deliberate and laid down in specific patterns over hours. 5. These are not 'cloud-seeding' activities as no clouds are present and local weather does not turn to rain immediately after these events. 6. **In some notable cases, violent and unseasonal storms such as the recent flurry of 'summer' tornadoes over Tennessee and heavy snowfall in Bakersfield, CA and Phoenix, AZ have occurred within days of documented (videotaped) spraying.** Sharp 'spikes' in power output from the USN/USAF 'ionospheric heater' known as HAARP have been recorded just before last December's 'horizontal snowstorm,' localized around Turret Peak, AZ.

"These weather anomalies—and HAARP—may be related to aerial spraying using fast-dissolving, 'smart plastic' polymers to catch HAARP's high-intensity radio waves to heat the atmosphere. Or these may be separate experiments. 6. What is definitely known and verifiable is that thousands, quite possibly tens of thousands of Americans - and perhaps more—are becoming ill enough to seek medical attention after these fly-overs, which are continuing at a stepped-up pace as I write. . . .

"This is a national emergency. Thank you, and all Americans concerned for the fate of their children and their country. God bless you all."—William Thomas, Independent Investigative Journalist. All emphasis added unless otherwise noted.

In another place William Thomas warns us:

"Americans are not alone in their anxious bewilderment and suffering. In England, after lingering contrails and cobweb-like fallout were reported over London and Birmingham, the BBC reported on January 14 that more than 8,000 people—mostly elderly—died from pneumonia and other respiratory complications in the last week of December and the first two weeks of January 1999.

"According to the BBC, in early January of this year, more than 97,100 people in England and Wales were stricken with respiratory ailments in a single week—almost double the usual rate. Ambulances in the Greater Manchester and Mersey region were each dealing with more than 1,000 calls every day—almost twice the norm.

Norfolk and Norwich suffered such unexpected increase in deaths, a refrigerated semi-trailer capable of holding 36 bodies was pressed into service as a temporary morgue."

Please understand. This information is being given to you to put you into a panic, but just to make you aware that now is the time for us to prepare to meet the Lord.

Is there anything we can do? Yes, you can still contact your congressmen. That may not accomplish anything, but there are some things that we do know. And this information can help you be ready to meet whatever may come your way.

This spray attacks the immune system, causing or inflaming diseases of the immune system—such as Lupus—and causing headaches, sore throats, hacking coughs (some with blood), nose-bleeds, bronchitis, pneumonia, asthma, inflammation of the lungs, diarrhea, fatigue, nausea, vomiting and other symptoms of immune deficiencies.

There is evidence that while husbands, who were working outdoors, became ill, their wives who stayed in the house did not get sick. So as far as possible stay indoors during the period following the spraying.

Build up your immune system. God has provided a diet for us which will do just that. Follow the eight natural laws of health which He has given us. As much as possible, eat organic fruits, vegetables and grains—try eating 50%-75% raw. It is important to get your exercise—preferably in the fresh air and sunlight—and to drink lots of pure water. Be temperate in all that you eat and in all that you do. Make sure that you get enough rest. If you need to rest during the day, then do so—as long as it does not interfere with your rest at night.

Then, the most important thing to do, is to place your complete trust in the God who created and redeemed you; the God who has promised to re-create you in His own image—if you will only submit your complete will to Him.

"Every one of us will be sorely tempted; our faith will be tried to the uttermost. We must have a living connection with God; then we shall not be deceived by the devices of the enemy, and shall escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.

"We need to be anchored in Christ, rooted and grounded in the faith. Satan works through agents. He selects those who have not been drinking of the living waters."—*The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, November 17, 1885.

"We are coming right upon the time when Satan is to work with all manner of

bewitching influences, and those who are charmed with them now, or give them the least countenance now, will be all ready to be swept right in to act a part with the devil then. Evil angels are working all the time upon the hearts of men. Satan is working with everyone who is not under the control of the Spirit of God. . . .

"The vials of God's wrath and the sprinkling of them are already coming. What is the matter that we do not discern it? It is because the light of truth does not affect the heart. The Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the world.

"You hear of calamities by land and by sea, and they are constantly increasing. What is the matter? The Spirit of God is taken away from those who have the lives of men in their hands, and Satan is coming in to control them, because they give themselves to his control. Those who profess to be the children of God do not place themselves under the guardianship of the heavenly angels, and as Satan is a destroyer, he works through those men and they make mistakes. . . .

"And see the storms and tempests. Satan is working in the atmosphere; he is poisoning the atmosphere, and here we are dependent upon God for our lives—our present and eternal life. And being in the position that we are, we need to be wide awake, wholly devoted, wholly converted, wholly consecrated to God. But we seem to sit as though we were paralyzed. God of heaven, wake us up!"—Manuscript 1, 1890, *Selected Messages*, Book 2, pages 50-52.

*He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.*

*Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.*

*Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.*

*Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.*

*Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.—Psalm 51:1-10.*

Friends, have we made the Almighty God our refuge and our fortress?

If so, these promises are for us. Let us rest secure under the shadow of His wings. For He is abundantly able!

Praise His holy name!!

## LETTER OF APPEAL

Dear brothers and sister in Christ!

Prophecy is fulfilling before our eyes.

My next door neighbor, Haiyoung Kim, has a friend in Tennessee whose friend's boyfriend (in Puerto Rico) works in the government. The man saw a document in the office saying that the "Sunday Law" will be signed in March of 1999. Well... That is not just a news it is really happening this month.

My neighbor got a phone call last night from that friend in TN saying that her future brother-in-law went to the TN capital court house (because he is a lawyer) for a lawyer's meeting recently and as the lawyers were talking, they brought up that the "Sunday Law" will be signed this month—March!! They also talked about our GC president [Folkenberg].

Can you believe it? It is actually happening... Sooner than I thought.

I believe this not only tells us that Second Advent is near but also that there are people ready to stand in that Great day! ARE YOU ONE OF THEM? I wonder if I am... How sad it would be if one of us would stand outside the New Jerusalem!? How sad it would be if we saw one of our friends or family members on the outside of the City!?

Let's remember to completely commit ourselves to Christ today. Don't fuss about the little things of life but focus on the bigger and better things of our lives.

God bless you!—Heesoo

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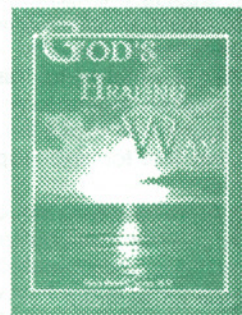
heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Verses 14-21.—*General Conference Bulletin*, May 27, 1913, pp. 164-165 (*The Remnant Church*, 66-72).

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