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*"The Word must be studied; it must rule in the heart, that we may be prepared to bring from the treasure-house good things. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly; then when you are assailed, you will have the armor of God to wear. Having done all, you may stand. We need an abiding Christ with us, as Enoch had when he walked with God three hundred years. We can have what Enoch had: we can have Christ as our constant companion. Enoch walked with God, and when assailed by the tempter, he could talk with God about it. He had no 'It is written,' as we have, but he had a knowledge of his heavenly Companion. He made God his Counselor, and was closely bound up with Jesus. And Enoch was honored in this course. He was translated to heaven without seeing death. And those who will be translated at the close of time, will be those who commune with God on earth. Those who make manifest that their life is hid with Christ in God will ever be representing Him in all their life practises. Selfishness will be cut out by the roots."*

*Signs of the Times, May 12, 1889.*

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"God cannot display the knowledge of His will and the wonders of His grace among the unbelieving world unless He has witnesses scattered all over the earth. It is His plan that those who are partakers of this great salvation through Jesus Christ should be His missionaries, bodies of light throughout the world, to be as signs to the people, living epistles, known and read of all men, their faith and works testifying to the near approach of the coming Saviour and showing that they have not received the grace of God in vain. The people must be warned to prepare for the coming judgment. To those who have been listening only to fables, God will give an opportunity to hear the sure word of prophecy, whereunto they do well that they take heed as unto a light that shineth in a dark place. He will present the sure word of truth to the understanding of all who will take heed; all may contrast truth with the fables presented to them by men who claim to understand the word of God and to be qualified to instruct those in darkness." *Testimonies*, volume 2, 631-632.

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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.

Coupled with the prophetic message, **Future for America** emphasizes all aspects of the medical missionary work. The "entering wedge"-medical missionary work-must be practiced by those who are to finish God's work in these final hours.

During this time period, country living becomes more essential with each passing moment. **Future for America** upholds and promotes this end-time truth. God's people must prepare for the coming storm, and that preparation includes the experience of learning how to survive in a simple fashion, away from the great centers of population.

**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.

# MINISTRY UPDATE

We have been invited to do an evangelistic series in the Philippines this April. This will be the third year we will have helped in this work. The series is 14 nights of presentations on health and the gospel. 45 minutes of presentations on the principles of health and then an hour of prophecy. During the day we do visitations with the new contacts and hold daytime meetings in the local Adventist churches. These series are what is called "reaping" series. For three months prior to the meetings six to ten Bible workers (depending on the population of the area) will go to the area and conduct Bible studies. When it is time for the two week series the attendies have already went through the doctrines of Adventism. In the last two years working in connection with Ron Goss (*Project Restore*) we have held four sets of public meetings, one series in a prison, and a week long seminar for the pastors and Bible workers covering *Future for America's* prophetic presentations. There have been well over 600 baptisms.

*Future for America* pays for the series which it holds. We pay \$4,000.00 to cover the salaries of the Bible workers, not only for the initial three months of studies, but also for two months of follow-up studies after the meetings. The money also rents the auditorium and covers the other meeting expenses. We then pay for the travel to and from the meetings. For a two-person team the average airfare and incidentals comes to \$3,500.00. Both years we have also distributed literature and financial assistance amounting to about \$2,500.00. We estimate a series to cost about \$9,500.00. We received the letter from the Philippine brethren last week inviting us and asking for the funding necessary to start the Bible workers in the target area. By faith we agreed to one series. We are trusting the Lord will impress some of you to help finance these meetings. *Project Restore* will hold one series and we will hold another. If the Lord impresses you to help in these things-designate your offerings as "Philippine Meetings."

Last year we used over ten thousand dollars of your offerings to help with literature evangelism. Almost eight thousand of that figure was used working with Ron Goss (*Project Restore*) in handing out the *America in Prophecy* and Sabbath magazine titled, *A Time for Joy* at several large gatherings around the United States. As Ron and I were discussing these things recently, he informed me he was bringing together a third magazine which will deal with spiritualism. (If you are not familiar with these magazines they are very attractive and well done outreach material. They have been translated into Spanish as well.) The cost of developing the third magazine on spiritualism to the point where it can be printed is \$7,500.00. If you have a burden to help with this project you can send your assistance marked "Spiritualism magazine." We will pass it on to *Project Restore*. Sister White says that we will be surprised at, "the simple means the Lord uses to finish the work," and that in "a large measure" the worked will be finished through our publications. In the last few years *Project Restore* has had hundreds of thousands of these magazines printed and then handed out free of charge. These magazines are making an impact.

Recently I read a new book titled, *Hitlers Pope*. Written by a well known Catholic author, the book was intended to disprove the charges against the Catholic Church that they were sympathetic and supportive of Adolph Hitler during World War Two. Because th author was a devout Catholic, the Jesuits and the Vatican opened up their archives to the author so he would be able to make the most effective defense of the Catholic Church in his book. The author analyzed the available materiels, and concluded that the charges against the Papacy's interaction with Hitler were accurate. "The message of the fall of Babylon, as given by the second angel, is repeated, with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844." *Early Writings*, 277. The information in the book is certainly not something

one would turn into a sermon, but it is highly informative of the corruption of the Catholic church. I would recommend this book to you. It can be ordered at any bookstore. John Paul II began this milinneum by apologizing for the inquisition during the Dark Ages, and yet the book clearly demonstrates that within his very own lifetime, the identical disregard for human life and religious freedom which was acted out during the Dark Ages was reinacted during the World War Two time period. Rome's apologies do not silence: "The souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" Revelation 6:9-10. "The Roman Church now presents a fair front to the world, covering with apologies her record of horrible cruelties. She has clothed herself in Christlike garments; but she is unchanged. Every principle of the papacy that existed in past ages exists today. The doctrines devised in the darkest ages are still held. Let none deceive themselves. The papacy that Protestants are now so ready to honor is the same that ruled the world in the days of the Reformation, when men of God stood up, at the peril of their lives, to expose her iniquity. She possesses the same pride and arrogant assumption that lorded it over kings and princes, and claimed the prerogatives of God. Her spirit is no less cruel and despotic now than when she crushed out human liberty and slew the saints of the Most High." *The Great Controversy*, 571.

Truly prophecy continues to unfold as we begin this new year.

Perhaps my greatest concern about Y2K, is not the ramifications of computer glitches, but of the potential for God's people of catching "the sky is falling syndrom." With all the hype and concern about potential Y2K problems, the ability of some to receive the warning of the approaching "greatest time of trouble," of all time-may have been hindered. We human beings have a tendency to become gospel hardened. It is my prayer that you and I will not allow Y2K to become an excuse to let down our commitment to prepare for the soon coming crisis.

## **The Illustrated Guide to Bible Prophecy**

is a simple presentation of the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation for the non-Adventist reader. It contains beautiful artwork to help drive home the truths of these most important prophecies. Sister White states:


The Illustrated Guide to  
**BIBLE PROPHECY**



"The books of Daniel and the Revelation should be bound together and published. A few explanations of certain portions might be added, but I am not sure that these would be needed." *The Publishing Ministry*, 98.


**The Illustrated Guide to Bible Prophecy** follows this principle by presenting the simple truths of these two books in a very attractive format. The price for this book is \$5.50. When you receive this book you will realize what an important book it is for witnessing to your non-Adventist friends and you will no doubt want more. If you order 5 to 20 we will lower the price to \$5.00 per book. For 20 or more the price is \$3.75.

# YOUR LETTERS . . . .

 Dear Future for America,  
Thank you for your letter, the newsletter, your prayers, and the cassette tape. They have been an encouragement to me during my illness and I appreciate them.


I am still under a doctor's care for my heart problem, and since I am 83 years old he doesn't give me much hope for improvement. I'm sure the Lord will work it out for the best and that's the way I want it.


God bless all of you at Future for America. You are in my prayers every day. Your Sister in Christ,  
MB


 To Whom It May Concern,  
Please continue to keep me on your mailing list to receive the magazine Future for America. I like it and it has been very informative. I appreciate the information about the Pope and Sunday laws. I am telling my friends about the magazine.

Thank you for the audiotapes you have been sending me. They are very inspiring. I really appreciate them. Enclosed is a small contribution. I am senior citizen and am on a very tight budget. Will continue to send contributions as I can.


Thank you for all you have done for me. May the Lord bless you, BLG—WI

 God Bless each one of you in your work for Him. I appreciate so much the tapes and articles you send to us. Again, God bless Love & Prayers, R&EE—WA


 Dear Future for America,  
Thank you very much for tapes and letters you sent. I very much appreciate them. I try to share them with others. I would like the new video series, The Final Rise and Fall of the King of the North. I will keep you in my prayers. God bless you, RP—AK


 Dear Sir,  
We were pleased to receive your timely message. We think it is a wonderful thing you are doing and pray you may continue doing the service of the Lord. We thank you for the love with which

you were kind enough to send us literature, but we are both on welfare and disabled. We are not able to send you any money, but all we can do is pray for you and that you receive great success in your endeavor. Yours in the Lord, J&CY—AR

 Please keep us on your mailing list, your message sounds right for the times. Sorry the check isn't larger.

Thanks for your tapes and papers. God Bless you all. I had surgery on shoulder and can hardly write. I share your material. JK

 Dear Friends,  
Thank you for the gifts you have sent me. I am 90 years old, legally blind, hear pretty good!!! Am interested in the Sunday law news. Appreciate information on that. Love you, IBM

 Dear Fellow Workers,  
I don't know who turned in my name to your ministry, but I am happy to find out about your work and praise God for another group effort being raised up in His behalf. (It would be nice to know if anyone knows you in this area.)

Enclosed is a small token of appreciation for the work you are doing . . .

So much to do—so little strength as a church. But God is faithful and will do exceedingly abundantly, above all we can think! Maranatha. Fond-est Regards, RZ

If you would like to see what the Colombian ministry we work with and refer to so often is all about we now offer a video of their ministry. We are now asking \$10.00 for this one-hour video. Mark you order "Colombian Video."

# The Future Of Science And Religion

What will be the next secular worldview? In this new millennium, after postmodern relativism has been dismantling the tenets of Western civilization, what will be built on the rubble?

Postmodernism-today's assumption that there are no absolutes, that truth is a man-made construct, and morality is relative-is running out of gas. The next Big Idea will have to do with a synthesis of science and religion as scientific evidence for the "Big Bang" becomes more and more theological.

Cambridge and Princeton have opened new departments to promote research into the field of interdisciplinary studies of science and religion. One might add that science and religion have in common a belief in objective truth, and thus are natural allies in the intellectual battle against the radical subjectivity of postmodernism. The new cosmology explains that the entire universe popped out of a point in space with no content and no dimensions, essentially expanding instantaneously to cosmological size. This explanation of the beginning of the universe, now being taught at Stanford, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and other top schools, bears a certain similarity to the traditional theological concept of creation *ex nihilo*, "out of nothing".

Christians are confident that the truths of Scripture accord with every scientific truth and will appreciate how former seeming contradictions between science and faith are dissolving. Nevertheless, the synthesis of science and religion is not necessarily taking a biblical direction.

One reason that scientists will now talk to theologians is that many mainline theologians have jettisoned the traditional belief in God's creation in favor of evolutionary explanations. Thus, now that mainstream faith is beginning to accept evolution, dialogue between science and religion becomes possible.

Apparently, in this dialogue, the scientific community sets the rules, conditions, and criteria for determining the answer to Pontius Pilate's age-

old question, "What is truth?". However, science is favoring some ideas contrary to traditional Darwinian evolutionary thinking because of all the new evidence science itself is discovering for creation. "Design Theory" shows how unlikely it is that the complexities of natural organisms could have come about by chance, and therefore, is evidence that the universe has been designed.

However again, there is danger. Instead of returning to the biblical worldview, with its transcendent God creating and governing an objective universe, many of the spirituality and science projects are turning to other worldviews. God and Nature become one. Matter and spirit, God and the universe, both become simple manifestations of natural energy. The universe becomes an eternal cycle, ever recurring, with no beginning and no end.

Humanity becomes a passenger on a spiraling up-escalator, ever evolving into a higher spiritual plane.

This is to say, these supposedly advanced and sophisticated scientific theoretical constructs amount, in effect, to a revival of the old pagan nature religions. Instead of turning to the biblical worldview, in terms of which science historically arose, many of today's "theologians-of-science" are embracing the worldview of Eastern mysticism, which has historically shown little interest in studying the "illusions" of the physical universe.

If the union of science and spirituality is laying the foundation for the next worldview to succeed postmodernism, attempts to "save the appearances" of evolution by spiritualizing the process will only undermine both the Bible and, ultimately, science itself. Christians should not be complacent.

This new secular ideology will likely still be hostile to Christianity, and, as the new nature-religion takes hold, it will grow increasingly hostile to science also. Adapted from *WORLD* magazine.

"There is no new thing under the sun."  
Ecclesiastes 1:9.

# T I M E L I N E S

In The Stream Of Time . . . . Near The End Of The Line.

## **Superstitious Americans**

Are Americans becoming more superstitious? Statistically, yes—and also more fearful, less well-informed, and less rational than we once were. In 1976, 17 percent of Americans believed in astrology. Today, 37 percent say they do. More than 50 percent of Americans now believe that some people have the power to talk to the dead. In 1976, only about 12 percent believed that. And belief in fortune-telling has almost tripled, going from 4 percent in 1976 to 14 percent today. One indication of a loss of reason among the American people is belief in faith healing, which has jumped significantly since 1976, from 10 percent to 45 percent. *Conservative Chronicle*, November 24, 1999.

## **Mark of the Beast?**

The supreme court of California has let stand a lower court ruling that no religious exemption is available to individuals who believe social security numbers are the 'mark of the beast.' Five plaintiffs challenged the California requirement that they submit a social security number when applying for a driver's license. In denying this request, the court said that if there is a "rational basis" for the regulatory scheme, and it does not specifically target religious people, it is valid, even if its effect is to deny free exercise rights in some instances. Alan Reinach, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty director for the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, says that it would be a mistake to dismiss the decision because one disagrees with the plaintiffs' biblical interpretation of the "mark of the beast." He says that, however one feels about the outcome of the case, the method used by the court demonstrates a dangerous disregard for the individual's religious beliefs and "highlights the need to pass comprehensive protection for religious liberty." at both the federal and state level. *Freedom Alert*, Volume 15, Issue 3, Fall, 1999.

**More . . .** No longer do California trial courts have to balance the religious freedom interest against the public interest when a state law or regulation is claimed to violate someone's religion freedom. Instead, all the courts must ask is whether the law itself is valid. If so, it doesn't matter what the impact is on religious liberty. This case really stands for the notion that bureaucratic convenience will trump religious liberty, without any con-

sideration given to the religious freedom interest. *Freedom's Ring*, Volume 10, Issue 4, October, 1999.

## **Hanging By A Thread**

At the end of the twentieth century, all of our settled principles of religious liberty are hanging by a thread. This should come as no surprise to Seventh-day Adventists. We've been expecting it. H.R. 1691, the Religious Liberty Protection Act, having passed the House of Representatives by a 3-1 margin, is stalled in the Senate, facing strong opposition from a small but powerful segment of the civil rights community. The U.S. Supreme Court has held that religious activity be treated the same as any other activity, subject to general laws and regulations without any special right to exemptions. Hence the need for legislation providing basic protection for religious liberty.

This disrespect of religious freedom has the insidious effect of undermining the foundation of all human rights. Professor Douglas Laycock, one of the bill's drafters, observed that the Supreme Court has adopted the warped view that "one has a right to believe a religion, and a right not to be discriminated against because of one's religion; but no right to practice one's religion." Free Exercise of religion has been kidnapped in the name of "neutrality." Treat religious schools the same as public schools. No special consideration for religious convictions or practices. *Ibid.*, Volume 10, Issue 4, October 1999.

## **The Voucher Wars**

**U.S. Supreme Court: Mitchell v. Helms.** As if the battle over Free Exercise isn't bad enough, the U.S. Supreme Court has now upped the stakes in the battle over the Establishment Clause by agreeing to review a challenge to a Federal funding program that provides computers and other equipment to schools, including religious schools. The problem is the principle of direct state aid to religious schools. If the Supreme Court reverses decades of precedent, and approves this program of direct state aid to religious schools, the battle over school vouchers will become irrelevant. The state will be able to finance religious school tuition directly.

### **Consequences of state financed religion:**

1. It is coercive. People are forced to finance the faith of others.

## Health Workers Needed!

Dr. Joseph Uniat lives in the United States, but serves the Western Ukraine. He does sanitarium work there, and is seeking brethren to help serve there for two to three month periods. You would use and teach hydrotherapy, message, diet, and all aspects of the health message. If you have these abilities, and would like to serve in this capacity you may contact Dr. Uniat at 916-624-4297. His address is 4150 Secret Court, in the city of Rocklin, California. The zip code is 95677-3214.

2. It is discriminatory. The aid is made available to some, but not all faiths.
3. It threatens the religious autonomy of institutions, leading to the imposition of onerous regulations.
4. It coerces religious institutions to secularize, in order to obtain funds.
5. It puts those institutions that refuse funding at an extreme competitive disadvantage.

Religious schools don't want to be treated the same as public schools. We don't want state mandated curriculum and teacher certification requirements. We want to be able to discriminate on the basis of religion in admissions and hiring, and we want to be able to discipline both students and faculty if they violate lifestyle standards. If neutrality prevails, we lose the right to be different, and we become subject to the current political correctness, wherever it may lead. *Ibid.*, Volume 10, Issue 4, October, 1999.

"When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees **AND TO SUSTAIN THEIR INSTITUTIONS**, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result." *The Great Controversy*, 445. (Emphasis supplied.)



## America In The Red

The \$5.6 trillion national debt continues to rise at the rate of \$3,517 per second. Each family's share of the debt equals \$84,000 for a family of four. *The Concord Courier*, volume 7, No. 1, Fall 1999.



## HERE COMES THE ANTICHRIST- The Second Coming is in site.

**LONDON-13 December, 1999.** An evangelical organization in Britain has trained cameras on Jerusalem's Golden Gate and the Mount of Olives and is broadcasting the pictures live on the Internet in the hope of witnessing the Second Coming. Christine Darg and her husband Peter, who run Daystar International, a "multi-media ministry" in the English town of Hereford, said that up to 200,000 people were visiting their "olive tree" web site every month to meditate on the pictures from Jerusalem, which are updated every minute. Mrs. Darg, an Anglican who worships at Hereford cathedral, said the main purpose of the live pictures was to help Christians pray for Israel and Jerusalem, which would become the "worship capital of the world" after the return of Jesus. "We are showing the place where Jesus left and, according to the Bible, the Mount of Olives is the place where He will return," she said. "He commanded His followers to watch and to pray. Evangelicals are logging on and they can pray as they watch." Although she believes that Jesus would return in her lifetime, she doubts that the cameras would be able to record the event because it would be so overwhelming. "It's going to be the most spectacular event ever, and it is going to make the overused word awesome totally out of date," she said. "Something significant will happen. The Bible says that His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives and there will be an earthquake, so our cameras might not even stand up to the impact. But we have a Swiss company who helped design these Web cameras and the Swiss are very impressive technically." The website also details a series of conferences and healing sessions the organization is planning in Jerusalem over the next year. It also advertises for sale a ram's horn or shofar, which, it says, can be used "to demolish citadels of Satan."



## COALITION TO SENATE LEADERS: "PASS RLPA BY MARCH!"

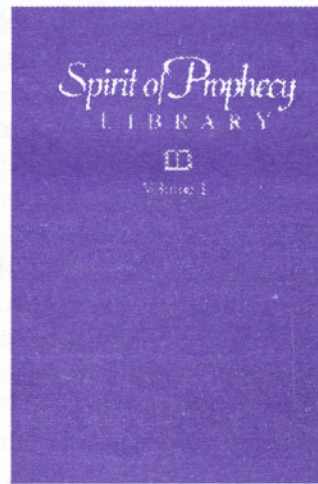
**Capitol Hill-December 14, 1999.** Principals of the coalition backing the Religious Liberty Protection Act asked Senate leaders today for the earliest possible call-up of the bill. "Our goal," said Shannon Royce of the Southern Baptist Convention, "is to have RLPA passed



by the end of March." But aides to Majority Leader Trent Lott and Majority Whip Don Nickles made no promises—except to assure the coalition that RLPA will be high on the agenda when the Senate gets back to work next month. But budget, appropriations, and a bankruptcy bill will get first crack, the staffers said. RLPA Leadership Group Chair Sam Casey, executive director of the conservatively-inclined Christian Legal Society, led the delegation of five persons in separate meetings with Jim Hecht, who works for Senator Lott, and Stewart Verderey, general counsel to Senator Nickles. Others: Mariam Bell and Penny Nance, from Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship, and Richard Lee Fenn, associate director of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty. The Senate failed to act on the Religious Liberty Protection Act before adjourning earlier this fall, despite a monumental grassroots people-to-Senators campaign coupled with intensive coalition lobbying here in Washington. RLPA would replace the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which the Supreme Court found unconstitutional on a separation of powers question. Coalition leaders—and the Senate staffers they visited today—are in basic agreement: If RLPA isn't passed by April at the latest, it's probably dead as far as this Congress is concerned. The RLPA principals urged Hecht and Verderey to their bosses—Lott and Nickles—to "talk about RLPA in the Senate and in public" because "some senators on both sides of the aisle won't commit to a 'Yes' vote until they see majority leadership taking definitive action for passage."

Meanwhile, the RLPA Leadership Group is already gearing up to oppose expected amendments which would render the bill toothless. Senators Reid and Thurmond, for example, have indicated plans to introduce "carve-outs" exempting prisons and the military. Said Casey: "RLPA is really quite simple. It will restore religion to the same standard of strict scrutiny on the burdening of religious free exercise that applies to every other civil right."

For all practical purposes, free exercise of religion was vitiated in 1991 in the (in)famous *Oregon v. Smith* case. The court held that governments need not be concerned when generally applicable and facially neutral laws burden free exercise of religion. No need to demonstrate that the burdening of religious exercise is necessary to achieve a compelling state interest. And certainly no need to show that the government's burdensome behavior is the least restrictive means of achieving the state's interest.



Until the end of March we are offering the three-volume, hardback, Spirit of Prophecy volumes for

\$100.00 plus shipping and handling.



### **KANSAS SCHOOL BOARD PASSES ANTI-EVOLUTION MEASURE**

The Kansas Board of Education has adopted new science standards that make no reference to evolution, handing creationists their most significant victory in recent memory. Kansas Governor Bill Graves opposed the board's action, insisting it would hurt educational quality in the state. After the vote, Graves said he would support a move to abolish the board. *Church & State*, September, 1999.



### **KANSAS EVOLUTION BATTLE SPREADS TO KENTUCKY & NEW MEXICO**

Supreme Court Pressured By Catholic Lobby The Kansas Board of Education continues to feel the fallout from its recent decision to remove evolution from the state's science standards. Most recently, three national science groups have refused to allow the board to use copyrighted materials because of its stance. The National Research Council, the National Science Teachers Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science told the board it may not use their materials. On October 12, the board directed the state commissioner of education to rewrite the science guidelines without the copyrighted material.

Officials in the Kentucky Education Department quietly dropped the word "evolution" from state science standards and replaced it with "change over time," a modification they insisted will not affect science education in the state.

Associate Education Commissioner Linda Houghton told the Louisville Courier-Journal the excision was made because use of the word ran afoul of state guidelines that require schools to be sensitive when dealing with controversial topics like death, divorce, and animal rights. The Courier-Journal surveyed biology teacher and textbooks in the state and found that evolution receives scant coverage in many communities. The New Mexico Board of Education has voted 14-1 to limit the statewide science curriculum to evolution. Previous policy had required science teachers to give equal weight to "alternative theories," which some board members charged opened the door to creationism. "This gives teachers the political cover they need to teach evolution," said Marshall Berman, the board member who led the campaign for he change. Ibid., November, 1999.

### **SOLOMON ISLANDS SHAKEN BY QUAKE**

**December 30, 1999**-A magnitude 6.8 earthquake hit near the South Pacific's Solomon Islands on Wednesday at 8:29 a.m. local time, but there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage. The quake was centered about 240 miles east of Kira-Kira in the Santa Cruz Islands. The earthquake was followed by numerous powerful aftershocks, some of which ranked as strong as magnitude 5.7. There were no tsunami warnings issued.

### **AT LEAST 116 DEAD AS EUROPEAN STORM REACHES ROMANIA**

**December 29, 1999 BUCHAREST, Romania (CNN)**-Heavy snow and rain left more than 100 villages in central Transylvania without electricity as the brutal weather plaguing Europe for the past week reached Romania. The blackout occurred after the storm toppled trees and power lines in Transylvania, about 450 kilometers (281 miles) from Bucharest. The downed trees also caused a number of roadblocks. In Austria, heavy snow triggered avalanches which killed at least 12 people, including nine German tourists. The Germans were part of a club that booked a hut-that would normally be closed this time of year-to celebrate the millennium.

Fierce winds and rain along France's southwestern Atlantic coast killed 24 people on Tuesday, and flooding forced the evacuation of more than 2,000. The deaths in France and Austria pushed the weather-related toll to at least 116.

In Belgium, rivers have risen to critical levels after a week of heavy rainfall. Many homes are flooded and some roads have been under water for days. More rain may be in the store for the area, forecasters said. The storms are also hampering the cleanup of a major oil slick off the northwest coast of France. French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin toured an area where oil is washing up on the coast of Brittany. He cut short a trip to Egypt to deal with the aftermath of the storms and the oil spill. While France has faced the greatest loss of life from the storms, it also lost two centuries of history in only two hours at Versailles. The usually peaceful gardens at Versailles became a weather-beaten battlefield during violent storms that killed more than 100 people in Western Europe and reduced some cultural treasures to ruins.

### **DOG SAVES THE DAY IN ARGENTINA**

**December 30, 1999**-Argentina's state-run Telam news agency reported that a dog in the northwest of the country saved his 4-year-old master from a swarm of bees by flinging itself over the boy's body in an attempt to block the attack.

Police told reporters that Kharin Toloza was playing with his dog Chocolate near Valle Viejo when he was attacked by the insects. The dog immediately jumped on top of the boy and stayed there until the boy was taken to a hospital after receiving only a few stings. While Kharin survived the attack, the dog died as a result of the numerous stings sustained while protecting the child.

### **'CATASTROPHE TOURISTS' IMPEDING VENEZUELA RELIEF**

**December 28, 1999-CARACAS (Reuters)**-Venezuela restricted travel to its stricken Caribbean coast on Tuesday to discourage gawking "catastrophe tourists" from adding to the crush of people impeding rescue efforts where up to 50,000 people may have died. "There are too many people in the area who have no business being there, doing what I regret to have to call catastrophe tourism," Education Minister Hector Navarro told a press conference. Having evacuated about 100,000 people from the devastated coast of Vargas state, just north of Caracas, authorities turned their attention to helping 300,000 people survive without clean water, fresh food or sanitation in the wake of the mudslides and floods that struck two weeks ago. But efforts were hampered by groups returning to look for lost family, people trying to salvage their belongings

and the catastrophe tourists. "It is unacceptable to have youths with cups full of soda taking pleasure trips down there, taking photographs with their girlfriends," Navarro said. Groups of curious city-dwellers have come to the disaster area from Caracas in recent days, gawking at the destruction and snapping pictures. Heavy machinery continued to reopen the road along the rugged coast, just an hour's drive from Caracas, where whole towns were swept away by avalanches of mud, rocks and trees after weeks of torrential rains. Health Minister Gilberto Rodriguez said the government had restricted access to the muddy track used to take emergency aid to remote towns after growing numbers of ordinary vehicles created gridlock.

### **TOLL COULD REACH 50,000**

The death toll from one of Latin America's worst disasters of the 20th century was still rising as the government turned its attention to preventing epidemics. George Weber, a senior Red Cross official, said the disaster was two or three times worse than Hurricane Mitch that killed 9,000 in Central America a year ago. "All the figures I have received here say there were between 20,000 and 50,000 dead," he told a news conference. The government has estimated up to 30,000 may have died. But with most victims buried alive or swept out to sea, an accurate figure may never be known.

Rodriguez said the government was preparing a presidential decree to convert two destroyed beach resort towns into "sacred ground", or de facto cemeteries. The government said there was a "critical risk" of epidemics among those left in Vargas, although none had broken out. In a grim pamphlet outlining preventive measures, it said dogs were digging up corpses, spreading diseases and would have to be exterminated if they could not be removed from the area. Solid waste including human corpses should be burned every two or three days to avoid the propagation of flies, the pamphlet added. It also advised measles vaccines for anyone spending more than two weeks in the crowded refugee centers. More rain was forecast for Venezuela over the next few days and Rodriguez said the government would move about 2,500 people out of some precarious slums on hillsides around the capital. Venezuela has received international aid to the tune of \$35 million in cash, and 47 countries have helped with disaster relief in the form of paramedics and rescue teams.

# NEVER LEAVE A SOUL UNWARNED

BY E. G. WHITE

"I have light from the Lord that at this time we must act with great caution; for the enemy is watching our every movement. At times I have been ready to take steps that would be called aggressive. I would commence to write the history of the experience that we had in Europe. I would read over the letters containing warning and caution that I have had from the Lord for several in Battle Creek. At times, I have felt that I must print all the warnings given me for Dr. Kellogg, especially some that were given me while in Europe. But I have not yet done this because I have been impressed to wait. If I should make a strong move in this direction, the battle would be on. Those who are opposing the light God has given would feel that they had been attacked, and would claim that they were compelled to make moves that otherwise they would not have made. And it would take much of our time to meet the issue.

"Let us hold on patiently for a little while, and let the elements break forth that are struggling into life. Let not too many articles be published in the Review and Herald that are of a character to stir up strife.

"The words that Christ spoke just before His crucifixion are clear and plain: 'Though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him; that the saving of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report, and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias saith again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their hearts; that they should not see with their eyes, not understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.'

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"So it will be in the experience of those who are united with Christ in the accomplishment of the work he has given us to do. We have seen the great power of God. The Lord has wrought in behalf of His people. But Satan is not dead or palsied, and he prepares minds by degrees to become imbued with his spirit, and to work after the same manner as he works against those who bear responsibilities in the work of God for these

last days. In the future Satan's last exploits will be carried out with more power than ever before. He has learned much, and he is full of scientific scheming to make of no effect the work that is under the supervision of the One who came to the Isle of Pátmos to educate John, and to give him instruction to be given to the churches.

"The miracles that Christ wrought gave to the world evidence of the divinity of His mission. This powerful evidence the Jews would not receive, because Christ's teaching did not harmonize with their preconceived ideas, or exalt the human agencies who continually exalted themselves.

"The Lord has been giving me instruction that we are meeting the same unbelief today, and that we shall continue to meet it as we bear the last message of mercy to the world. Every ingenious device will be used, every possible method taken advantage of, to lead men to live a lie, that the truth shall not stand as God designed it to stand, to prepare a people through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit, to stand firm as a rock to principle.

"All who believe and practice the word of God will answer the prayer of Christ as given in the seventeenth chapter of John. Read this chapter from the first verse to the last. In it you have the plan of redemption. God's angels are preserving the world from destruction because there are some who have never yet heard the message of truth.

"The course of false science led the Jews to strong unbelief. We are filled with grief when we meet the same unbelief in the world today. Christ came to this world, and received at the hands of the unbelieving Jews that which prophecy declared he would receive. The Jews who were fulfilling the prophecies in the Old Testament Scriptures, did not realize what they were doing. They professed to believe these prophecies, and they did not know that they were working out the plan foretold.

"Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry; they are drunken but not with wine; they stagger; but not with strong drink. For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes; the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men delivered to one that is learned saying, read this, I pray thee; and he saith, I am not learned.'

"Wherefore the Lord saith, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouths, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their hearts afar from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men; therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvel-

ous work, and a wonder for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid. Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us, and who knoweth us? Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potters clay; for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not, or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?"

"Every word of this will be fulfilled. There are those who do not humble their hearts before God, and who will not walk uprightly. They hide their true purposes, and keep in fellowship with the fallen angel, who loveth and maketh a lie. The enemy puts spirit upon the men whom he can use to deceive those who are partially in the dark. Some are becoming imbued with the darkness that prevails, and are setting the truth aside for error. The day pointed out by prophecy is come. Jesus Christ is not understood. Jesus Christ is to them a fable. At this stage of the earth's history, many act like drunken men. 'Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry; they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes. The prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.' A spiritual drunkenness is upon many who suppose they are the people who shall be exalted. Their religious faith is just as is represented in this Scripture. Under its influence, they can not walk straight. They make crooked paths in their course of action. One and then another, they reel to and fro. They are looked upon by the Lord with great pity. The way of truth they have not known. They are scientific schemers, and those who could and should have helped, because of a clear spiritual eyesight, are themselves deceived, and are sustaining an evil work.

"The developments of these last days will soon become decided. When these spiritualistic deceptions are revealed to be what they really are, -the secret workings of evil spirits, -those who have acted a part in them will become as men who have lost their minds.

"Wherefore the Lord saith, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their hearts far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men therefore, behold I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid. Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and

they say, who seeth us, and who knoweth us? Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay; for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it. He had no understanding?"

"It is presented to me that in our experience we have been and are meeting this very condition of things. Men who have had great light and wonderful privileges have taken the word of leaders who think themselves wise, who have been greatly favored and blessed by the Lord, but who have taken themselves out of the hands of God and placed themselves in the ranks of the enemy. The world is to be flooded with specious fallacies. One human mind, accepting these fallacies, will work upon other human minds, who have been turning the precious evidence of God's truth into a lie. These men will be deceived by fallen angels, when they should have stood as faithful guardians, watching for souls, as they that must give an account. They have laid down the weapons of their warfare, and have given need to seducing spirits. They make of no effect the counsel of God and set aside his warnings and reproofs, and are positively on Satan's side, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

"Spiritual drunkenness is now upon men who ought not to be staggering as men under the influence of strong drink. Crimes and irregularities, fraud, deceit, and unfair dealing fill the world, in accordance with the teaching of the leader who rebelled in the heavenly courts.

"History is to be repeated. I could specify what will be in the near future, but the time is not yet. The forms of the dead will appear, through the cunning device of Satan, and many will link up with the one who loveth and maketh a lie. I warn our people that right among us some will turn away from the faith, and give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, and by them the truth will be evil spoken of.

"A marvelous work shall take place. Ministers, lawyers, doctors, who have permitted these falsehoods to overmaster their spirit of discernment will be themselves deceivers, united with the deceived. A spiritual drunkenness will take possession of them. To the unfaithful stewards the Lord says, Take you pleasure and walk in blindness as drunken men; for after having many opportunities, and refusing to improve them, you will act at last as the drunkard acts, throwing away your hope of eternal life. Seeking deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and making lies their refuge, they will misinterpret the warnings and messages God has sent, placing on these warnings their false statements, to make God's word of no effect. Reports and suggestions are gathered up and kept in the memory, to be used when

it is thought they can be used with the best effect. This has been going on for some time. Those who do this work seek deep to hide their counsel from those whom they would injure. But the Lord is acquainted with every movement, every performance. All the secret workings of men are open to the One who knows the heart.

"Some who have been deceived by men in responsible places will repent, and be converted. And in all our dealings with them, we must remember that none of those who are in the depth of Satan's snares know that they are there.

"Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed a forest? And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness. The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off; that make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought.

"Therefore thus saith the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale. But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel. They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrines.' Isaiah 29:17-24.

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; and glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.'

"I was instructed to speak to you these words of cheer which were spoken to me. I am to call for every soul to be glad, as my heart has been made glad, and to speak this gladness in the congregation of the saints, and to tell of the goodness and power of God in every place where they shall carry the precious gospel of Jesus Christ to those who know not the truth for this time.

"Now, just now, we are to proclaim present truth, with assurance and with power. Do not strike one dolorous note; do not sing funeral hymns. The message to be proclaimed for this time is, 'Strengthen ye the weak hands and confirm the feeble knees. Say unto them that are of a fearful heart. Be strong, fear not.

Behold your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you.

"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing, for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water; in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called. The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those; the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereupon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there; and the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.'

"O what a promise is this for those who will separate themselves from all cunning and scientific scheming, and will follow on to know the Lord identifying themselves with those who have received the truth and are sanctified through the truth. Every promise is for those who will learn the only true science, which is found in the prayer of Jesus Christ.

"These words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son may glorify thee; as thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him. And this is life eternal that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.'

"In this scripture God and Christ are spoken of separately. They are two distinct persons, but one in mind, one in heart, one in holiness and justice, and purity, and one in the work of seeking to save the sinful race. To those who believe in Christ, God will give power to become His sons even to them that believe on His name. This is the science of the life that now is, and of the life which is to come. This is the true science that our medical men need to study, - the science of the saving grace of the gospel. This is the science that students must study in order to become genuine medical missionaries.

"Unless the heart, mind, soul, and strength are completely conformed to the will of Christ, the science studied will not give entrance into the narrow way and the straight gate that lead to eternal life. Straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Because broad is the way, and

wide is the gate that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go thereat. Those who regard it as a valuable science to be sharp, to take advantage of and cheat their neighbors, are cheating their own soul, and unless they change, they can never enter the holy city. No crooked dealing, no deceptive science, will find a place in the heavenly courts.

"We are God's little children, and we are to learn of Him, His spirit is too pure to dwell in the mind and heart of one that is lifted up unto vanity. In His prayer Christ said, 'I have glorified Thee on the earth.' This is the science of heaven. 'I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with Thine own self, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.'

"These are the words of Him who was one in mind, in heart, and purpose, with God in the work of saving a fallen world. God and Christ had oneness of purpose, oneness of aim, and they made one eternal never-ending effort to work for the salvation of the fallen race. The prayer of Christ lays open before the intelligent, understanding mind that not one taint of the science of Satan's practice can enter the holy city.

"Satan worked in every possible way to come out victorious in standing in the highest place in the heavenly courts. How artful were his contrivances to win the game! He employed every artful intrigue and device to carry his science against God and His Son Jesus Christ.

"As I am shown special things of Satan's science, and how he deceived the holy angels, I am afraid of the men who have entered into the study of the science that Satan carried into the warfare in heaven. How I have longed to be where I should not be compelled to see the same science practiced on this earth by medical practitioners. How my heart has been agonized as I have seen souls accepting the inducements held out to them to unite with those who were warring against God. When they once accept the bait it seems impossible to break the spell that Satan casts over them, because the enemy works out the science of deception as he worked it out in the heavenly courts. He has worked so diligently with men in our day that he has won the game again and again.

"What, I ask, can be the end? Again and again have I asked this, and I have always received the same instruction, Never leave a soul unwarned. Those who are bound in Satan's coils are the most confident and the most boastful. They will protest at the thought that they are ensnared, yet it is the truth." *Battle Creek Letters*, 122-128.

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