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“The Lord would have His people bury political questions. On these themes silence is eloquence. Christ calls upon His followers to come into unity on the pure gospel principles which are plainly revealed in the word of God. We cannot with safety vote for political parties; for we do not know whom we are voting for. We cannot with safety take part in any political schemes. We cannot labor to please men who will use their influence to repress religious liberty, and to set in operation oppressive measures to lead or compel their fellow men to keep Sunday as the Sabbath. The first day of the week is not a day to be revered. It is a spurious sabbath, and the members of the Lord’s family cannot participate with the men who exalt this day, and violate the law of God by trampling upon His Sabbath. The people of God are not to vote to place such men in office; for when they do this, they are partakers with them of the sins which they commit while in office.

“We are not compromise principle by yielding to the opinions and prejudices which we may have encouraged before we united with God’s commandment-keeping people. We have enlisted in the army of the Lord, and we are not to fight on the enemy’s side, but on the side of Christ, where we can be a united whole, in sentiment, in action, in spirit, in fellowship. Those who are Christians indeed will be branches of the true vine, and will bear the same fruit as the vine. They will act in harmony, in Christian fellowship. They will not wear political badges, but the badge of Christ.

“What are we to do, then?—Let political questions alone. ‘Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?’ What can there be in common between these parties? There can be no fellowship, no communion. The word fellowship means participation, partnership. God employs the strongest figures to show that there should be no union between worldly parties and those who are seeking the righteousness of Christ. What communion can there be between light and darkness, truth and unrighteousness?—None whatever. Light represents righteousness; darkness, error, sin, unrighteousness. Christians have come out of darkness into the light. They have put on Christ, and they wear the badge of truth and obedience. They are governed by the elevated and holy principles which Christ expressed in His life. But the world is governed by principles of dishonesty and injustice.”
Fundamentals of Christian Education, 475–476.

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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.

Ministry Update:

On December 4 we will be in Eastern Tennessee interview John Robbins, the author of *Ecclesiastical Megalomania*. John, a non-Adventist has some very important understandings about the papacy, but I am more interested in the recognition that there are those outside of Adventism who are beginning to proclaim, at least part, of the message of the third angel. If we will not fulfill our responsibility—"the very rocks will cry out."

On December 15 I leave for two weeks in London with Dr. Mary Ann and Tico. Please pray for these meetings. An added consideration for prayer is that these meetings are competing with the holidays.

On the first weekend of January we will be speaking with Pastor Restrepo to the Spanish brethren in Southern California. Then on the 16th we leave for five weeks to the back to back Philippine crusades. We solicit your prayers for this busy schedule of meetings and thank you for the support you have given which has allowed this work to go forward.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IS DETERIORATING AROUND THE WORLD

Conditions for religious freedom are worsening globally, says a new report published this month by *Freedom House*, a non-profit, US-based organization that tracks religious liberty trends.

The study, which gives a religious freedom rating for more than 75 countries, concludes that the religious rights of individuals continue to be eroded, especially in large countries such as China, India, Indonesia, and Pakistan. The report also points out that many of the world's conflicts have a strong religious component from the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict, to the continuing violence between Muslims and Christians in East Indonesia.

Contrary to popular belief, Western countries do not have a monopoly on religious freedom, the report concluded. Botswana and Namibia both scored higher religious freedom ratings than Belgium and France—countries that have each engaged in political and legal battles against so-called "sects" in recent years. *Adventist News Network*.

"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*, 271.

A NEW BOOK ABOUT THE PAPACY:

The Australian news weekly, *The Bulletin* of July 25, 2000 reviewed a book entitled *Papal Sin: Structure of Deceit*. It was written by the former professor of American politics at Northwestern University in Chicago, Garry Wills. At 66 years of age he is now retired. Professor Wills is a Roman Catholic. *The Bulletin* report said in part:

The Bulletin caught Wills in San Francisco on a book tour in which he had to miss the city's many fine restaurants and make do with a sandwich between interviews. He says he is still a faithful son of the church but a foe of its "papalism" which he believes is coming to an end. "It doesn't matter who the next pope is because he will find the church changing from the bottom up; not a revolution exactly, but profound change," he says.

Wills' principal charge is the invention in the 19th century of papal infallibility, "without any scriptural support". The villain is another Pius, the ninth, who sought inerrancy, and it has been Vatican policy since 1870 thus bedevilling—if that is the word—every pope since.

Wills writes: "The pope alone, we are now asked to accept, is competent to tell Christian people how to live." He further dismisses the doctrine of Apostolic Succession, which says that only Rome can create priests inheriting Christ's apostles' power of transubstantiation, the Catholic belief that the bread and wine of the mass becomes the body and blood of Jesus.

Wills' book came out only last month and is already burning up Catholic conservatives and earning the kind of hate mail that angry Christians seem to specialize in. Among his other targets are the Vatican's distortions of ecclesiastical history, the persecution of Jews and mistreatment of women, contraception, the cult of the Virgin and the papal habit of using "deception in the service of the Church—for you cannot serve truth with lies".

He points out the "teaching Church" or Magisterium, is exempted from any need for any apology in *Memory and Reconciliation*, the work of seven Catholic theologians in the Vatican, and issued by Cardinal Ratzinger, Rome's "keeper of the faith".

In a scathing review of the document, Wills wrote in *The New York Review of Books*, "A little dance of words is gone through every time reference is made to past injustices calling for apology. It is never 'The Church' that erred, just its 'sons and daughters' [This] gives the teaching church's apologies a form of self-praise that does not comport with penitence apology by propaganda."

Wills is one son of the Mother church who is likely to stretch maternal love to breaking point. Here is another zinger to curdle any mother's milk: "The admission of married men and women to the priesthood may well come for the wrong reason . . . panic at the perception that the priesthood is becoming predominantly gay."

"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.



BOOK REVIEW—"TELLING THE TRUTH: WHY OUR CULTURE AND OUR COUNTRY HAVE STOPPED MAKING SENSE—AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT"

In this detailed examination of American cultural and political institutions, journalism, and education, Lynne Cheney, former head of the National Endowment for the Humanities, shows how a disdain for objective truth and principles has created a moral and intellectual crisis that threatens the foundation of our legal, political, and social order. From a book advertisement. October, 2000.

"Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected." *The Great Controversy*, 592.



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS LOCAL PRO-HOMOSEXUAL BILL

The City of Louisville, Kentucky, passed a law barring employers from discriminating against individuals on the basis of sexual orientation, and Dr. J. Barrett Hyman sued. As a Christian, Dr. Barrett felt that hiring a homosexual or a transgendered person would not accurately represent his traditional family values to his patients. Of course, the ACLU is defending the local law, But, the Clinton/Gore Justice Department—headed by Attorney General Janet Reno, and funded by public taxes—has formally entered this case in support of the ACLU! Never before has the US Justice Department gone to court officially supporting a local pro-homosexual bill. *American Center for Law and Justice Newsletter*, October 6, 2000.



Infant Formula Deficient in Free Amino Acids—

The levels and composition of “free amino acids” in lhuman milk were compared to those found in 12 different infant formulas. The infant formulas were found to have significant differences, which the study authors maintain could have long-term impact. *Dr. Mercola Weekly Health News Letter*—November 12, 2000.



TV Dinners for Kids Common—

A recent survey shows that nearly half of all American children spend dinnertime in front of a TV. *Ibid.* US Congress Told Anthrax Vaccine is Not Safe--The US Congress heard a series of testimonies that the military’s mandatory anthrax vaccinations are not safe, are making people sick and should be halted or made voluntary immediately. The congressional hearing follows the recent death of a worker at the Michigan plant of the vaccine supplier, possibly as a result of the series of anthrax shots he was receiving. *Ibid.*



Chemicals in Broccoli and Other Veggies Cut Lung

Cancer Risk—Chemicals found in broccoli, cabbage, bok choy, and other cruciferous vegetables may protect against lung cancer, according to a new study conducted jointly with US and Chinese researchers. *Ibid.*



US Congressman Calls for Vaccine Recall—

In a letter to Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, Congressman Dan Burton, Chairman of the House Committee on Government Reform, requested a recall of all vaccines containing Thimerosal, a mercury-based product added to vaccines as a preservative. Recently, the Committee conducted a hearing entitled. “Mercury in Medicine: Are We Taking Unnecessary Risks?” during which the FDA admitted that children are being exposed to unsafe levels of mercury through vaccines. *Ibid.*

“Mercury, calomel, and quinine have brought their amount of wretchedness, which the day of God alone will fully reveal. Preparations of mercury and calomel taken into the system ever retain their poisonous strength as long as there is a particle of it left in the system. These poisonous preparations have destroyed their millions, and left sufferers upon the earth to linger out a miserable existence.” *Spiritual Gifts*, volume 4, 139.



THE FALL OF A REPUBLIC

When the thirteen colonies were still a part of England, Professor Alexander Tyler wrote about the fall of the Athenian republic over two thousand years previous to that time:

“A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves money from the public treasure. From that moment on the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most money from the public treasury, with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy followed by a dictatorship.

“The average age of the world’s great civilizations has been two hundred years. These nations have progressed through the following sequence: from bondage to spiritual faith, from spiritual faith to great courage, from courage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to selfishness, from selfishness to complacency from complacency to apathy, from apathy to dependency, from dependency back to bondage.”

“It is at the time of the national apostasy, when, acting on the policy of Satan, the rulers of the land will rank themselves on the side of the man of sin—it is then the measure of guilt is full; the national apostasy is the signal for national ruin.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 372.



REFUSES TO ACCEPT THE ELECTION RESULTS?

In the first presidential debate Jim Leher asked Al Gore the following question. “Vice President Gore, if President Milosevic of Yugoslavia refuses to accept the election results and leave office, what action, if any, should the United States take to get him out?”

Gore responded: “Well, Milosevic has lost the election. His opponent, Kostunica, has won the election. I think we should support the people of Yugoslavia and put pressure in every way possible to recognize the lawful outcome of the election. The people of Serbia have acted very bravely in kicking this guy out of office. Make no mistake about it: We should do everything we can to see that the will of the Serbian people, expressed in this extraordinary election, is done. And I hope that he’ll be out of office very shortly.”

Quote: The Constitution of the United States, for instance, is a marvelous document for self-government by the Christian people. But the minute you turn the document into the hands of non-Christian people and atheistic people they can use it to destroy the very foundation of our society. And that’s what’s been happening. Pat Robertson, *The 700 Club*, December 30, 1981.

Quote: I don’t know that atheists should be considered citizens, nor should they be considered patriots. This is one nation under God.—President George Bush.

Question: If you were arrested and charged with being a Christian—would there be enough evidence to convict you?



COLUMBIA UNION COLLEGE IS NOT PERVASIVELY SECTARIAN

November 15, 2000—On August 17th, a Federal District Judge issued a decision in the lawsuit filed by Columbia Union College, claiming that it is entitled to be included in a Maryland grant program for private colleges. CUC has previously been excluded on the basis that the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment prohibits the state from providing funds because CUC is a pervasively sectarian college.

The case had been remanded from the Court of Appeals. The Court found that the legal standard for a college to be pervasively sectarian required the college to partake of all, or substantially all of the following characteristics:

- 1) **mandatory student worship;**
- 2) preference in hiring and admissions policy for members of the faith;
- 3) **primary goal of academic courses is religious indoctrination;**
- 4) **control of college dominated by the church.**

The Judge found that CUC satisfied requirements 2 and 4, **but not 1 and 3**. In other words, there was insufficient evidence that CUC was pervasively sectarian with respect to mandatory student worship and the primary goal of curriculum being religious indoctrination. With respect to mandatory worship, the Court found that CUC exempts some students [night school students] from the policy, resulting in less than half of all students being subject to mandatory worship. With respect to curriculum, the court found that “the primary goal and function of CUC is to provide a secular education even though it has a definite and strong, secondary, goal to teach with a *Christian vision*.” [emphasis in the original.]

“The Court finds that the [Maryland] Commission has not met its burden of proving that CUC’s religious mission and its secular education are so inextricably intertwined that it is impossible to separate the sectarian purposes from the secular functions.” . . . *Pacific Union Conference Department of Public Affairs & Religious Liberty Church State Newsflash!!!*

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MADCOW AND MORE

AN APOCALYPSE, ACCORDING TO WEBSTER'S NEW WORLD DICTIONARY, IS "A DISCLOSURE REGARDED AS PROPHETIC; A REVELATION." THE MORE SPECIFICALLY RELIGIOUS DEFINITION OF THE WORD INCLUDES BOTH JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN WRITINGS "DEPICTING SYMBOLICALLY THE ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION OF EVIL AND TRIUMPH OF GOOD." EXAMPLES WOULD BE THE BOOK OF REVELATION OR THE WRITINGS OF THE PROPHET, ISAIAH.

Prophetic revelations often come from unexpected sources—a newborn child, for example. Right now, there is a very sick, 11-month old baby girl in Great Britain who will likely be credited with having created an apocalypse. You see, according to the British newspaper, *The Telegraph*, this suffering child is believed to be the first case of blood-transmitted (in utero) New Variant Creutzfeld-Jacob Disease, nvCJD, the human version of mad cow disease. The baby's 22-year old mother died earlier this year, seven months after giving birth. A post-mortem confirmed the cause of the young woman's death was nvCJD.

In mid-September, the baby was about half the size of a normal infant her age and was diagnosed soon after birth with brain damage. Doctors told her grandmother they suspect that some of the prions, the infectious proteins that cause nvCJD, had passed from mother to child across the placenta via blood, and caused her brain damage. Up until now, only the eating of infected beef was the official, government-sanctioned explanation for contraction of human mad cow. Up until now, the mean incubation time of nvCJD was believed to be about 10.5 years after eating infected beef. In fact, the growing number of teenagers and young twenties now dead or dying of the disease in Britain are thought to have become infected through school lunches or meat supplies in their home villages. Yet, there is now growing laboratory evidence that nvCJD can be transmitted by blood as well, and that more—many, many more—people and animals may be infected with the disease than was originally thought.

This laboratory evidence, coupled with the revelation of a birth of a child who is now exhibiting multiple nvCJD symptoms with virtually no incubation period and, of course, no history of beef-eating, has the potential of revealing that what was already considered a bad situation is, in reality, an impending global nightmare. by Geri Guidetti, to be continued.



Dear *Future for America*, I sure did enjoy the tape *Gideon's Torch, Wandering in the Wilderness*, by Jeff Pippenger. I would like you to send few of these tapes to this address. I would like an extra one to lone out. Here is the money. I am not sure what the cost of them is. If it is not enough send me a bill for the rest of it. If there is money left over use for what ever is needed. Thank you and God Bless, R.P.



Dear Friends, Enclosed is my check to help continue your good work with God's blessing as you proceed. I have been reading an old out of print Waggoner book (1888) on last day events as he saw things then. The difference between his time and ours is so overwhelming and still we are here. Both Sister White and Waggoner thought time was coming to an end. My, what would both of them think of they were here now? Although, we believe the same as they—we are existing in an environment that is different than theirs. Your last newsletter was excellent! I did so enjoy the content. God Bless, V.B.



Dear *Future for America*, Enclosed is a money order to help a bit your ministry. Use it where needed most. May the Lord richly bless your ministry. Thank you for the newsletter and tapes you sent me. It keeps us aware of what is happening and are warned to prepare for what is coming. Yours in Him, P.F.



Dear Jeff, Thank you for sending the tapes. I had gotten so busy this week that I never got back to you. Here is a donation to help cover the expenses. I gave four of them out yesterday, to people who I know would listen to them, the pastor, two new converts, and the leader of our prison ministry here.

The church is so asleep like the dry bones of Ezekiel. To wake them up, the Bible says to preach the word of God to them and to make them live. He will cause the spirit from the four winds to blow upon them. I wonder if that means persecution will come and cause them to live and stand on their feet, and become an exceeding great army. (Ezekiel 37:1-4) We just pray that we will have the oil needed to let our light shine for other till Christ takes us in and forever shuts the door! In Christ, S.S.—MT



Dear Friends in Jesus, Thanks for your ministry. May God bless you and you let him hold your hand. Isaiah 41:10,13 Revelation 13 follows 12:17 Satan wants worship and he will get it. Let us keep our name in the "Book of Life" Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14. Keep on keeping on, Hosea 6:3. My prayer for you is Hebrew 13:20, 21. With Christian Love, M.K.



Dear Jeff, Thank you so much for your tape *Adventism's Visitation*. I've listened to it several times. I am a literature evangelist, and share and sell daily, *The Great Controversy*, and tell people that the Catholic Church is the beast of Revelation and urge them to read.



Dear *Future for America* staff, Greetings in the name of Jesus! How I long to see His return, as I am sure you do also. Thank you so much for the latest cassette message in which Brother Jeff lifts up *The Great Controversy* book and looks at Adventism's visitation.

Would you please send me 8 copies of that message and let me know what the cost is. Enclosed is money for my donation toward the ministry, not payment for tapes. Please send me a bill. I want to share it with some friends, family (non-SDA who have read *The Great Controversy*) and church members. Time is running out. May God continue to guide and bless your ministry as you endeavor to help you fellow brothers and sisters wake up and be ready. Also in His Service, D.G.



Dear Staff, I just finished listening to your most recent tape, *The Hour of Adventism's Visitation*, and it was informative and encouraging. I didn't know the 1995 events concerning the Supreme Court and Congress's involvement with Catholicism had taken place. We are indeed at the door to the image of the beast and the close of probation. May the Lord continue to bless the work you are doing and may we wake from the lull we are in to sound the alarm. Thank you! Enjoyed the Seboan song! Yours in Christ, K.D.—SC



Hi Jeff and Kathy, Happy Sabbath! This is becoming more and more meaningful, though, we fall many times. But in God's own way He is teaching us, He is so merciful.

It won't be long now. News about the UN is producing much flack amongst the churches. Happened to see the article from the Presbyterian church and took a copy of it over to our neighbor (the retired Presbyterian pastor), as well as, *The New Illustrated Great Controversy*. This time I didn't offer it, I just suggested that he and his wife go through the pictures as it tells a story and when they are through they can give it back to me.

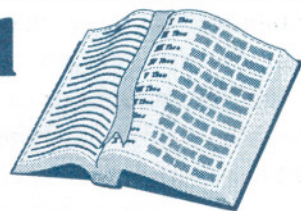
They did say that they don't belong to that particular branch. Apparently it has different theology then theirs—they didn't say. I didn't ask. The day before I was over with lemonade as it was hot, and two of our neighbors were pouring cement in their garage I shared with them too. In the course of conversation they ended up with the book *Sin Shall Not Have Dominion Over You*—we'll see how God leads. Should be interesting. Pray they will read as well.

Sure miss you guys. Wish we could help more. Was so glad to hear last tape and read last newsletter. Am sharing this with some members. Have so much I could tell you. Love, C.—CA

Thank you very much for sending us the tapes. We enjoy them very much. They are very easy to understand. Keep the Lord's work going. Your Brother and Sister in Christ, J.R.J.

Please pray for my children that they will be ready for the coming of Jesus. It seems he is waiting so long. I'm 79 baptized 55 years ago. Appreciate your ministry and Brother Goss. Why is the conference so against independence?

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Two Big Enigmas

“Thy say, O God, is in the sanctuary.” Psalm 77:13.

David Lin

The Bible contains two enigmas that have long puzzled scholars. One is Daniel 8:14, and the other is Hebrews 9:8–10. Daniel 8:14 reads literally, “unto 2300 evenings-mornings, then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” Some people see in this the cleansing of the Temple, after it was defiled by Antiochus Epiphanes. Conservative scholars reject this view; for in Matthew 24:15 Christ spoke of the “abomination of desolation” as still future to His day, though 1 Maccabees 1:54 regards it as the pagan altar set up in God’s Temple. Such divergent views prove Daniel 8:14 to be a long-standing enigma.

The angel’s words in verse 26 add to the import of Daniel 8:14, “The vision of the evenings and the mornings which was told is true: therefore shut up the vision; for it refers to many days in the future.” This highlights the 2300 days, and justifies the use of the year-day principle in calculating it. Since no sanctuary existed on earth in 1844, Bible students looked in heaven for the sanctuary to be cleansed. For Hebrews 9:23 says, there is a sanctuary in heaven, and it needs cleansing.

In Daniel 12:4 the angel adds, “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” Here again, God calls attention to this vision, inferring that I will be opened at the end of the 2300 days, when knowledge of it increases as many run to and fro in the pages of Scripture.

FULFILLED ON SCHEDULE

These words were fulfilled on time. Before World War II, L. E. Froom found in the libraries of Europe, 43 books from the 19th century dealing with the 2300 days. Twenty-six writers identified 1843, 1844, or 1847 as the end of that period. See L. E. Froom, *Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers*, volume 3, 744–745. This shows that others, who studied the 2300 days, but *did not* publish their findings, might have been counted by the hundreds. William Miller was but one of many who “ran to and fro.”

The disappointment was followed by intense Bible study by a faithful few, who published their results in an article in the February 7, 1846 issue of the *Day Star*

Extra of Canandaigua, New York. It presented Bible proof to show that in 1844, Christ our High Priest passed from the outer tent of the sanctuary to the inner, to begin His final work of atonement. This truth was then accepted by many Adventists.

Since then critics have claimed that this Adventist view of Daniel 8:14 cannot be proved from the Bible, and that Hebrews teaches that Christ entered the Holi-est of All and finished His work of atonement soon after His ascension.

The purpose of this study is to present scriptural proof for this Adventist doctrine of Daniel 8:14; and to point out the harmony of the timeless efficacy of Christ’s atoning blood with the timetable of the atonement process.

TIME OF PROCLAMATION

Adventist pioneers saw in Daniel 8:14 the basis for the angel’s message: “Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His Judgment has come.” Revelation 14:7. But Daniel 8:14 says nothing of the hour of God’s judgment. How could they call the cleansing of the sanctuary the hour of His judgment? Two texts in Leviticus make this clear:

So he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins. And so he shall do for the tabernacle of meeting, which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness. Leviticus 16:16.

This says that the Holy Place is defiled, and needs cleansing on that day.

Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls. . . For any person who is not afflicted in soul on that same day shall be cut off from his people. Leviticus 23:27, 29.

On this day God judges every one of His people, for only He knows who is truly afflicting his soul in repentance.

THE GREAT INVESTIGATION

Judgment involves investigation, decision, and execution. Which Bible text speaks of the investigative judgment?

Daniel 7:9,10 says, “**The Ancient of days was seated . . . the Judgment was seated, and the books were opened.**”

Which Bible texts speak of the Judgment as related to the establishment of God’s kingdom on earth?

Daniel 7:13 says: “**One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory, and a kingdom.**” This is alluded to in the parable in **Luke 19:12**, where “**a certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.**”

From these texts we learn that the kingdom Christ receives consists of people whose names are in the Book of Life—which He reviews in the judgment. Revelation 3:5 says, “He who overcomes shall be clothed with white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life.” From this we learn that the names of all that fail to overcome will be blotted out.

1 Peter 4:17 says, “For the time has come for Judgment to begin at the house of God.” This could only refer to the investigative, not the executive phase of God’s judgment. To “begin at the house of God”, means that before Christ comes, he screens the names in the Book of Life, to know how many among all that call Him “Lord, Lord”, have done His Father’s will. Matthew 7:21. “Begin” implies time duration and an end, affirming the truth that the Judgment began in 1844 and continues to our day. For it to last 157 years is not too long, compared with the 1000 years the wicked will be judged. Judgment takes time, because God lets finite beings take part—angels in the first stage; translated saints in the next. See 1 Corinthians 6:2, 3.

To meet the demand for more convincing proof on this view of Daniel 8:14, we cite Hebrews 9:8–10 as a text that explicitly confirms the two-apartment ministry of Christ by saying that in Paul’s day access to the second apartment was still closed.

The tense of the verbs in this text has baffled Bible translators and confused its readers. To find the best rendering of this text, eight popular versions have been examined—the KJV, NKJV, NIV, NEB, RV, NRSV, NASB and Weymouth. The NASB is closest to the Greek. It reads, “The Holy Spirit is signifying this: that the way into the holy place **has not yet** been disclosed, while

the **outer** tabernacle is still standing, which is a symbol for the present time.”

The KJV, HKJV, NIV **change the present tense to the past**, the other five versions retain it. Hebrews 9:9 states that in Paul’s day the *prootee skeenee* (first tent) symbolized **this** “present time.” But many Bible students disagree on the reference of “first tabernacle” in Hebrews 9:8. The KJV renders it “first tabernacle” as in verse two and six. The NIV calls the first two “outer room”, but changes the third to “first tabernacle,” **making one Greek word mean two different things in immediate context.**

Conflicting versions show up the enigmatic nature of our text. Hebrews 9:5 says, “Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.” Would that Hebrews spoke more in detail! But this remark was also indicted by the Holy Spirit, who could not say more, because Daniel 8:14 must remain sealed for 1800 more years! This we must keep in mind when reading Hebrews.

First to identify the “first tabernacle” in Hebrews 9:8. Is it the entire earthly sanctuary, or just its outer room? Hebrews 8:2 calls the heavenly sanctuary the “true tabernacle.” In Hebrews 8:5 Moses is told to build the earthly one according to the heavenly pattern. So the “true tabernacle” is **the first in time**; the earthly one is second. Then Hebrews 9:2, 6 twice speak of the **outer room** as “first tabernacle.” Verse seven says the inner room is “second.” Verse eight again speaks of the “first tabernacle”, which should naturally still be the **outer room**. Is there any reason for taking it to mean the first tabernacle in time? No. We just saw that the first tabernacle **in time** was the “true” one in heaven, so its earthly model was second. Is there any other evidence to prove that “first tabernacle” in Hebrews 9:8 can only be the outer room? Yes, this word has two immediate antecedents in context, both clearly denoting the outer room. So any possibility of this word in verse eight referring to the entire earthly sanctuary is ruled out.

Another problem is the sense of *ta hagia* (“holies”) in Hebrews 9:8. It occurs eight times in Hebrews, and has baffled translators. For it may mean “sanctuary”, “holy place” or “Holiest of All”. This had added to the enigmatic nature of the text. But careful readers can see from the syntax of *ta hagia* here that it is the Holiest of All, as it stands in antithesis to the outer tent. So Hebrews 9:8 should read: “While the outer tent stands (as a symbol), the way into the Holiest of All is not yet revealed.”

A third problem is the meaning of “time of reformation”. Its Greek *diorthosis* is made up of *dia*, mean-

ing “through”, and *orthos*, meaning “straight”. So “reformation” means to “straighten up”. This Greek noun corresponds to the Hebrew verb *nitsdaq* in Daniel 8:14, translated “cleanse” in the KJV. To cleanse is to restore a thing to its rightful state, which also the sense of “reformation”. So *diorthosis* is in fact a nominal Greek synonym for Hebrew verb *nitsdaq* in Daniel 8:14.

Hebrews 9:9 says that the outer tent was a symbol of the “present time” in Paul’s day. Hebrews 9:10 says that the rites of the outer tent were “imposed **until** the time of reformation”. So we take the outer tent to typify a span of time from Christ’s birth to 1844. By this cue, the inner tent typifies another span of time from 1844 to the Second Advent. The time element is crucial here. The first word in the Holy Spirit’s message in *meepoo* (not yet). Literally, it says, “**Not yet** is open the way into the Holiest of All **while** the outer tent **still** (*eti*) has standing.” This implies that after a period of time, the way will be open.

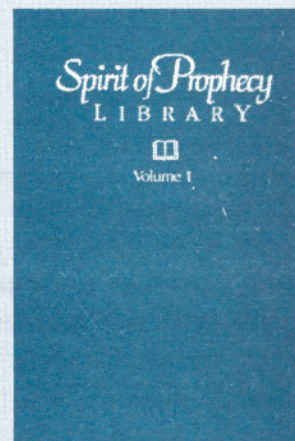
In the first clause of our text the KJV, NKJV, RV, NASB and Weymouth correctly retain the accusative case of “this”, not changing it to “by this”. “By this” refers to what went before, making what follows an interpretation of the writer; “this” refers to what follows as a **declaration** of the Holy Spirit. So what He declares here should not be a redundant or self-evident truth, but a new one. *Deeloo* is used twenty-one times in the NT and LXX, preponderantly in the sense of “declare.”

All who look in Hebrews for confirmation of the Adventist view of Daniel 8:14 should recognize that its seal could not be opened too early. But we may find assurance in a remark **verifying the seal**. This remark is found in the Holy Spirit’s words in Hebrews 9:8–10, which many fail to grasp due to faulty views of “first tabernacle” in verse eight, and wrong tense of its verbs; combined with confused reference of *ta hagia*, and an uncertain identity of the “time of reformation”. These problems we proceed to solve.

Men have made light of the proof text method, arguing that the Adventist view of Daniel 8: 14 departs from its historical context. But they don’t see that it agrees with its larger spiritual context. As a matter of fact, God’s proof-text method often violates the historical context. Matthew 1:23, quotes Isaiah 7:14, out of its historical context. In like manner Peter and Paul quoted Psalm 16:10 out of context: “You wilt not leave my soul in Hades, nor wilt You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.” They said that this could not be fulfilled in David, whose body did see corruption. So it must be fulfilled in Christ.

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On the other hand, men who explain Daniel 8:14 by the historical method produce nothing relevant to the gospel. And if Daniel 8:14 dealt with Antiochus Epiphanes, what point was there in ordering it to be sealed to “the time of the end”?

REVELATION 10

Revelation 10 pictures an angel who “had a little book **open** in his hand”. This alludes to the sealed vision in Daniel, where the angel said that after many have run to and fro in its pages, knowledge of the 2300 days would increase to the point of opening its seal. The same Spirit who told Daniel to seal the 2300 days gave John this vision of the open book.

The seven thunders are explained in John 12:29, where God’s voice sounded like thunder to the people, but John understood it and wrote it down. In Revelation 10:14 John also understood the seven thunders, and “was about to write”, when a voice from heaven said, “Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them.” We learn from this that **God withheld a full understanding of Daniel 8:14** to bring about the disappointment, as prefigured in John’s eating the little book that was sweet in his mouth but bitter in his belly, which took place after the sealing of the seven thunders.

John the last disciple aptly represents the remnant church. The bitterness in his belly typified the disappointment, and the command of the angel in Revelation 10:11 to “prophesy again” implied that the seal

on the seven thunders would eventually be opened, as God's people study their Bibles and see the true application of the cleansing of the sanctuary. The new light would revive their enthusiasm, and they would go forth with new zeal to preach again the second advent of Christ.

REVELATION 13:8

Rigid-minded scholars say that after His ascension Christ went directly to the Holiest of All, skipping the first room. They quote Hebrews 6:19, 10 and 10:19, failing to see the unity of time with eternity in Christ. In Revelation 13:8 is "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world". As far as His blood is concerned, it was effective on the day Adam repented. Yet Christ had to wait 400 years before shedding it. The same applies to His cleansing of the sanctuary. Adam could by faith in the blood of the Lamb enter "behind the veil where the forerunner has entered for us" from the "foundation of the world". The timeless efficacy of Christ's blood and the time schedule of His ministry are not contradictory, but complementary.

This sublime view of Christ's ministry led Ellen White to write the following comment on the rending of the veil when Christ died on the cross:

"The great sacrifice has been made. The way into the holiest is laid open. A new and living way is prepared for all . . . By His own blood' He entereth 'in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us' Hebrews 9:12" *Desire of Ages* 756-757. Ellen White quoted this text in its timeless application, though she was fully aware of the two phases of Christ's ministry in the heavenly sanctuary as explained in chapter 23 of *The Great Controversy*.

Hebrews does not openly state that Christ began His ministry in the first room of the sanctuary, and would later enter the second one. But there is evidence to show that God inspired the writing of Hebrews 9:8-10 in words clear enough to substantiate such a conclusion, yet obscure enough to keep the seal on Daniel 8:14 from being opened before its time.

CHRIST IN BOTH APARTMENTS

In Revelation 1:13 John saw Christ in the midst of the seven candlesticks in the outer tent of the heavenly sanctuary. To the church of Ephesus Christ introduced himself as "He who walks in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks."

Leviticus 4, 5, 6 teach that sin and trespass offerings were offered by sinners for **forgiveness**. The blood

of bullocks slain for the high priest or congregation was sprinkled before the veil and placed on the horns of the altar of incense. The blood of kids slain for rulers or common people was placed on the horns of the brazen altar. These records **defiled** the sanctuary. Jeremiah 17:1 says, "The sin of Judah is . . . engraved . . . on the horns of your altars." This ritual of **justification** involved the outer tent. The key words applicable here are: "it shall be **forgiven** him". Leviticus 4:26, 35.

The key words of the Day of Atonement are: "that you may be **clean** from all your sins before the Lord." Leviticus 16:30. This deals with **sanctification**. Hebrews 9:9 says that the first apartment rituals "cannot make him who performed the service perfect, in regard to the conscience," implying that perfection could be reached as the blood is applied in the Holiest place.

First-apartment ministry teaches that a penitent is **provisionally** forgiven, pending the Day of Judgment. If he has not forgiven others as God forgave him, his canceled debt of sin will again be required of him. It is taught in Matthew 18:23-25, where the once-forgiven debt of a merciless debtor is revoked by the king. Jesus said, "So My heavenly Father also will do to you, if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses." If he has forgiven his brother, his debt is finally discharged. "For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment."

Thus every Christian is twice judged—first when he is converted, and next in the investigative judgment. These two stages are typified by the two apartments of the sanctuary. So Christ could not very well skip the first stage.

TIME OF REFORMATION

The interpretation of "time of reformation" in this article brings up questions that call for further explanation.

Many suppose the "time of reformation" is explained in verse eleven: "But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come." They think that "time of reformation" is the Christian era. Study shows that this is not so. Editions of the Greek text, and English versions begin a paragraph here. Actually, the declaration of the Holy Spirit closes with verse ten. Hebrews 9:11 reverts to the theme of a "once for all" finished atonement. Note how Revelation 13:8 disregards all time limits on the power of Christ's blood, making effective **before** He was crucified. This also applies to the atonement. Yet the truth that He was "slain from the foundation of the

world” demands that He be crucified in A.D. 31. The truth of the “once for all” finished atonement demands that Christ enter the Holiest of All in 1844. An eternal truth must be **materialized** by an act in time.

A wrong view takes “first tabernacle” as the entire earthly sanctuary and a symbol of “the present age”—the Christian era. It sees “time of reformation” also as the Christian era, making the “present time” and “time of reformation” identical. Does it make sense? The “not yet” and “while” of verse eight must then stretch to the end of the “present age”. Could it?

This treatise sees in *diorthooo*, a Greek synonym of the Hebrew *nitsdaq* of Daniel 8:14, the “time of reformation” with the cleansing of the sanctuary, when rites of the outer tent cease and those of the inner one begin.

The “foods and drinks, various washings,” in verse ten are rites performed in the outer tent, “imposed until the time of reformation” (up to the Day of Atonement). So the time typified by the outer tent ended in 1844. Leviticus 16:17 says, “There shall be no man in the tabernacle of meeting when he goes into make an atonement in the Holy Place (Holiest of All).”

Leviticus 16:30 says that on the Day of Atonement the people as well as the sanctuary are cleansed. So it is truly a time of reformation—a reformation of God’s people on earth running parallel with the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary.

“While the investigative judgment is going forward in heaven, while the sins of the penitent believers are

being removed from the sanctuary, there is to be a special work of purification, of putting away of sin, among God’s people upon earth.” *The Great Controversy*, 425.

ONLY POPULAR ALTERNATIVE

The only interpretation of Daniel 8:14 widely accepted by Bible students who reject the Adventist view, regards the little horn of Daniel 8 as Antiochus Epiphanes. But what appears to be plausible, turns out to be false. Attempts by twelve scholars to make the 2300 “evening-mornings” mean either 1150 or 2300 literal days, are summarized by Otto Zockler below:

“While the representative of the opinion that the 2,300 evening-mornings are but half as many days, fail to establish an exact correspondence between the prophecy and its fulfillment, those expositors who regard the language as designating 2,300 days succeed no better.” Zockler, Otto, *The Book of the Prophet Daniel* as translated by Dr. James Strong in volume 7 of *Lange’s Commentary on the Holy Scriptures*, 180.

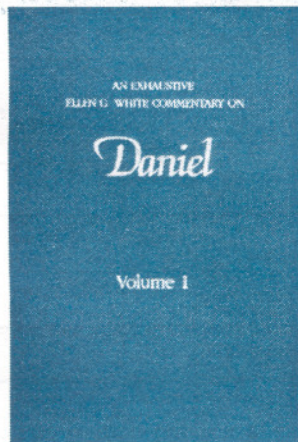
Humanist scholars hold that Daniel 8 was written by a pseudo-Daniel living in the time of Antiochus Epiphanes. If so, the 1150 days should match the time the sanctuary was defiled. 1 Maccabees 1:54; 4:52 give the dates when the sanctuary was defiled and when the rites were restored. Did this span 1150 days? No. It was 45 days short. If this story was written after the incident happened, why did it not record and exact figure? From the rock smiting the image in Daniel 2 to Michael in Daniel 12, Christ appears as its central figure. The Antiochus theory is false, as it diverts attention from Christ’s work of atonement—which is clearly the main theme in Daniel 8 and 9.

We now ask, does Antiochus Epiphanes meet the other specification of this prophecy? The answer is NO. History testifies that he fails to meet **nine** other specifications of the little horn described in Daniel 8. The facts are:

Antiochus Epiphanes reigned only 9 years, compared with the 55 years’ reign of his father Antiochus the Great, whose territory was reduced in size after his death, because his son was too weak to suppress local rebellions.

Moreover, he did not rise up “in the **latter time** of their kingdom” (Daniel 8:23), for 11 more Seleucid kings succeeded him

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“Toward the south” points to Egypt, where Antiochus did gain some military successes, but later, as he prepared to invade Egypt again, a Roman envoy came and told him to stop. He cravenly complied and withdrew his forces.

“Toward the east” points to Persia, which had been invaded by his father. But when he tried to send his troops there again, he met stiff resistance, so lost his hold on much territory once held by his father. He was **waning very small**.

Daniel 8:10, 11 says, “it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them, he even exalted himself as high as the Prince of host.” None of these points fit Antiochus, who was driven from Jerusalem by the Maccabees. These traits must point to a spiritual power—the power behind the papacy.

1 Maccabees 1:54 calls the pagan altar the “abomination of desolation.” This proves the early authorship of Daniel. Jesus’ prophecy in Matthew 24:15 puts “abomination of desolation” in A.D. 70, not 165 B.C. This proves that the Maccabees misinterpreted Daniel.

1150 literal days is less than three and a half years, which cannot be the “distant future” to which Daniel 8:26 (NIV) seals Daniel’s vision.

The taking away of the *tamid* (daily) is regarded as the best proof in favor of the Antiochus theory. But it is, in fact, the flimsiest. In all five uses of the term, “sacrifice” is supplied. This vague, disputed term

leaves the theory without solid support.

Daniel 8:25 says, “He shall even rise against the Prince of princes (Christ); but he shall be broken without human means.” Antiochus fails to meet this designation, for he was broken with human means. A vision thrice sealed (Daniel 8:26; 12:4, 9) is reduced to an event in 167 B.C., having nothing to do with Christ, who said that Old Testament Scripture testified of Him. John 5:39. Since this only popular alternative view of Daniel 8:14 is proven totally false—the Adventist view is now validated by default.

UPON THE CROSS OF JESUS

Mine eyes at times can see
 The very dying form of One
 Who suffered there for me:
 And from my smitten heart with tears
 Two wonders I confess:
 The wonder of redeeming love
 And my unworthiness.
 I take O cross thy shadow
 For my abiding place;
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