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## THE CORRUPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ENTERING SINCE 1844

“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**. The work of this angel comes in at the right time to join in the last great work of the third angel’s message as it swells to a loud cry. And the people of God are thus prepared to stand in the hour of temptation, which they are soon to meet. I saw a great light resting upon them, and they united to fearlessly proclaim the third angel’s message.

“Angels were sent to aid the mighty angel from heaven, and I heard voices which seemed to sound everywhere, ‘Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.’ This message seemed to be an addition to the third message, joining it as the midnight cry joined the second angel’s message in 1844. The glory of God rested upon the patient, waiting saints, and they fearlessly gave the last solemn warning, proclaiming the fall of Babylon and calling upon God’s people to come out of her that they might escape her fearful doom.

“The light that was shed upon the waiting ones penetrated everywhere, and those in the churches who had any light, who had not heard and rejected the three messages, obeyed the call and left the fallen churches. Many had come to years of accountability since these messages had been given, and the light shone upon them, and they were privileged to choose life or death. Some chose life and took their stand with those who were looking for their Lord and keeping all His commandments. The third message was to do its work; all were to be tested upon it, and the precious ones were to be called out from the religious bodies. A compelling power moved the honest, while the manifestation of the power of God brought a fear and restraint upon their unbelieving relatives and friends so that they dared not, neither had they the power to, hinder those who felt the work of the Spirit of God upon them. The last call was carried even to **the poor slaves**, and the pious among them poured forth their songs of rapturous joy at the prospect of their happy deliverance. Their masters could not check them; fear and astonishment kept them silent.” *Early Writings*, 277-278

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# RETRACTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, AND APOLOGIES



Dear Jeff: I was reading your magazine this morning (*Future News*—November 2000 issue) and came across the *NASA Proves God's Word* article. I have read this same article in other magazines (at one time in the *Review*, I believe), which **they later reported as not being credible**. Could you check this article out again? Or perhaps you have something directly from NASA that validates this article. I would be curious to know about it! I know that you don't have a lot of time so I will be waiting patiently for a reply! God bless! Sincerely, N&VG

**Response:** Several letters and emails and my inability to trace the location where this article came from, (it was sent as an email a few months ago) lead me to believe this article is inaccurate. Our apologies.



Dear Pat, How is the desert rat? I hope the year has been good for you. We returned home last month from a very successful trip of meetings and we hope to do it again next year. We plan at this time to be in Mojave again on March 3.

My reason for writing at this time has to do with the August edition of your (Jeff's) newsletter. You included a very interesting exchange with K. I believe I share the same feeling and concerns that K. had about a couple of your news items. I have underlined the parts worthy of serious consideration. His caution about labeling the Democratic Party (and I am not a Democrat) and other groups as anti-religion is especially important.

Regarding the EGW statement on page 1, the point is well made that the word "liberal" as defined in this passage means using methods other than the Bible to set the standard. The political "conservatives" seem to be doing exactly this as they promote church-state union, Sunday sacredness, Evangelical & Catholic alliances on purely non-Biblical bases.

Although a "living Constitution" may carry some dangers; "strict constructionism" carries real dangers also by trying to impose a rigid view of the Founders beliefs on our society (especially on church-state relations).

I have highlighted (with double bars) the news items, which I believe you slanted badly. Your news items are generally well done. Don't mar them by a politically right-wing bias. Your Friend, D.P.



## ADVENTIST CHURCH ARGUES IN SUPREME COURT FOR "FUNDAMENTAL FAIRNESS"

**Washington, D.C., Bettina Krause**—An organization should not be denied the use of public facilities simply because it is a religious group, say lawyers arguing on behalf of the *Good News Club* in a case currently pending in the United States Supreme Court.

"This is a significant case for the hundreds of small church groups and clubs around the country that currently hold meetings or events in public schools and halls," says Mitchell Tyner, an associate in the Office of General Counsel for the Seventh-day Adventist Church worldwide. "Where do these groups go if they can't afford their own facilities and they are denied access to their usual meeting places?"

The *Good News Club* dispute was sparked by the refusal of Milford Central School, located in New York State, to allow a Christian youth group to use school facilities for after-hours meetings.

**Tyner says that the Adventist Church became involved in the case as an amicus, or "friend of the court," because it believes that religious groups have the right to be treated with "fundamental fairness" in the public sphere; to have access to public facilities on the same basis as other groups.**

“The implications of this case go beyond the mere issue of using school property,” explains Tyner. “As a church, we have long supported the constitutional principle that the state should not endorse religious activity, either explicitly or implicitly. But, on the other hand, we also believe that this principle does not mandate state hostility toward religious groups.”

Lawyers for the *Good News Club* argue that it is unfair to deny religious groups access to buildings and facilities that have been funded by taxpayers and that are available to other community groups.

“These religious groups have as much right as other taxpayers to use the facilities,” says Adventist attorney Nicholas Miller. Miller, who co-wrote the amicus brief filed in support of the *Good News Club*, adds that, “As long as the religious programs are not sponsored or promoted by the state, and the religious groups do not receive preferred treatment over other groups,” there is no danger that the government is “establishing” religion, thus contravening the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

The Court is expected to hear argument in the case within the next 90 days and an outcome is likely before July 1, 2001.



## **AUSTRALIA: STATE LEADER PRAISES ADVENTISTS' HUMANITARIAN WORK**

Sydney, New South Wales, Australia Lorrelle Evans—New South Wales Premier Bob Carr acknowledged the community work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church while visiting flood-ravaged Narrabri in the northwest part of the state. Speaking to Adventist volunteer Graeme Kent, Carr said during his November visit, “Whenever there’s hail, fire or flood you, Adventists are always there.”

Heavy rains since late November caused widespread flooding which, at its peak, covered one third of New South Wales in flood-water. The state government has declared more than 35 natural disaster zones, with heavy losses of crops, livestock, and the destruction of roads and bridges. **ANN News Bulletin.**

**“While appearing to the children of men as a great physician who can heal all their maladies, he [Satan] will bring disease and disaster, until populous cities are reduced to ruin and desolation. Even now he is at work. In accidents and calamities by sea and by land, in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes, in every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power. He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow. He imparts to the air a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence. These visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous. Destruction will be upon both man and beast. ‘The earth mourneth and fadeth away,’ ‘the haughty people . . . do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.’ Isaiah 24:4, 5.**

**“And then the great deceiver will persuade men that those who serve God are causing these evils. The class that have provoked the displeasure of Heaven will charge all their troubles upon those whose obedience to God’s commandments is a perpetual reproof to transgressors. It will be declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday sabbath; that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced; and that those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublers of the people, preventing their restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity.” *The Great Controversy*, 590.**



# FROM AUSTRALIAN EMAIL

Hi Yanks, I thought you all would like to see the real figures from Down Under. It has now been 12 months since gun owners in Australia were forced by new law to surrender 640,381 personal firearms to be destroyed by our own government—a program costing Australia taxpayers more than \$500 million dollars. The first year results are now in: Australia-wide, homicides are up 3.2 percent, Australia-wide, assaults are up 8.6 percent. Australia-wide, armed robberies are up 44 percent (yes, 44 percent!) In the state of Victoria alone, homicides with firearms are now up 300 percent.

While figures over the previous 25 years showed a steady decrease in armed robbery with firearms, this has changed drastically upward in the past 12 months, since the criminals now are guaranteed that their prey is unarmed.

There has also been a dramatic increase in break-ins and assaults of the elderly. Australian politicians are at a loss to explain how public safety has decreased, after such monumental effort and expense was expended in “successfully ridding Australian society of gun.” You won’t see this data on the American evening news or hear your governor or members of the state Assembly disseminating this information.

The Australian experience proves it. Guns in the hands of honest citizens save lives and property and, yes, gun-control laws affect only the law-abiding citizens. Take note Americans, before it’s too late.

**As I look around in our world today, I see an ever-increasing need, both spiritual and economic. In more and more areas, persecution of the church is the order of the day. We [in the US] live on an island of liberty and prosperity, and we would like to believe that the whole world is like this. Nothing could be further from the truth.**

Yet that is not the biggest problem. Far worse is the breach in the body of Christ, in incredible confusion and lack of vision, knowledge and responsibility. We simply do not seem to be able to determine the difference between right and wrong. The obvious answer to this mess is that we must get to know God. If we know His character, we can judge everything in that light. It becomes so much easier to reject whatever is not in harmony with God’s character, no matter how trendy. *Open Doors Newsbrief*, Vol. 15/ Issue 11, November, 2000. By Brother Andrew, author of *God’s Smuggler*.

More than 150,000 Christians die each year because of their faith, according to news reports. About 200 million live in countries where they suffer hardships for their beliefs ranging from discrimination to imprisonment, to beatings, or even death, the ministry reported. Persecution is the most severe in the Middle East, communist nations, and countries where Christians are a minority. Richard James McDonald



Dear Elder Pippenger, Recently a friend gave me a tape (audio) on which you were speaking on current events and *The Great Controversy’s* fulfillment. That tape was certainly an eye-opener for me. I study deeply into prophecy and realize the shortness of time, but very little is said about those United Nations meetings. It seems that all is so secretive and hidden regarding what is transpiring behind the scenes.

Our dear prophet told us it would be thus. That it will break forth as an overwhelming surprise to most. The church here is New Theology/Celebration, so I do not attend, and I would appreciate being put on your mailing list if that is convenient. Thank you and God bless you and your ministry. I am especially interested in last-day prophecy, so anything on that subject you have to share would be appreciated. Sincerely, N.H.—IN



Dear Brother and Sister, I am enclosing a check. We do know that God reads our hearts but He also gave us a brain and we are trying our best to handle His money to the best of our ability, and to see that it is not put in hands that use it improperly knowingly doing so.

It was so encouraging to receive the loving words that you spoke to me over the phone. We all need encouragement from time to time. At time we feel like Elijah who felt that he was the only, one and God

told him that there were many more who had never bowed their knees to Baal.

We are very close to God and He has taken care of all of our loves, even when we were not Christians. We have prayed for healing but guess He said no. He has his reasons and we don't question His ways.

The little check we receive each month seems to stretch and stretch, and people that know us and know our little income don't understand how we can possibly get by. We even tithe our food stamps as we consider them increase.

Speaking of house insurance, it is outrageous. This is a small town of a little over 1000 people and our house was built a long, long time ago. In fact it is one of two houses that are the oldest on this street and our taxes are so awful high.

It won't be long before all of our rights will be taken away from us. What little property we own will be taken and we will be treated as traitors to the US. We pray for the work and please keep us in your prayers and ask God that if we can help inspire anyone in any way, then for Him to send them to us and put the right words in our mouths so we may say the words that will touch their hearts. God be with you in your work. And may you and your work be greatly blessed. J. & C.—AR



Dear Brother and Sister Pippenger, The package you sent was received with the greatest of joy. The subjects you chose were of the very things we needed.

Years ago I did colporteur work and in selling the *Modern Medical Book*, I gave lessons on fomentation's. I have used this treatment many times. Treatments of blood poisoning in arms and legs. I need more information lately on the hot and cold treatment for a badly infected lung, but had forgot how it was administered. The book you sent was the very one that I needed. [*God's Healing Way*].

The booklet of tapes was such a blessing as well as the other tapes. God will surely bless you in many ways for your gift to us. God always seems to bless those that have tried to help us. It might not come in the way you might think, but you will get a blessing one way or another. We are not rich in things of this world, but He always seems to provide for us. And it was not an accident that you started sending us literature. It had been preordained long ago. Nothing is really done by chance. Some may think so, but we don't.

Time is short and we need to get the message out in any way that we can. One pastor said that we were right on the cutting edge. We believe this and try to live like God wants us to live. No one is promised tomorrow.

May God bless and keep you and yours and let you be led in the path He has chosen for you and may you always be led to all of those that need the truth. Again let me say thank God for sending you to us. Yours in Christ, J. & C.—AR



May the Lord continue to bless your ministry. Would you please pray for our family? May the Lord cause His face to shine upon you! P.A.



Dear Brother in the Lord, Sorry it's taken me so long to write to you, but I have to be very careful where I send God's money. You would be shocked at the things I could tell has happened to me in God's church, it's horrible, but I forgive these people, plus our great, great God protected me from all that. Praise His holy name forever. There isn't one church within 50 miles of my home that isn't in great apostasy. It's really bad here in the Tampa area. The only churches that are preaching truth are over 100 miles from here. I can't afford to drive there every week, don't have much money, but I have what I need. I've really enjoyed listening to the tapes *The Overflowing Scourge* and *Gideon's Torch*; please keep sending me tapes.

Lord Jesus, all my family live in Texas except my husband who is in a nursing home and he doesn't know who I am half the time. It's really hard trying to witness; most people don't want to hear anything about the Bible. The only time I truly come alive is when I'm sharing the Bible truth with people. It's no fun studying the Bible alone all the time, I keep praying for God to send me one honest seeker for truth

to study with. Please pray for my husband who's in a nursing home. His mind is gone. Also pray for my daughter, she doesn't understand what I means to be born again. Pray for my daughter, I've been praying for her since May 1991 when I accepted the Lord and was baptized in the SDA church. She is now just starting to go to a SDA church in Texas. Also pray for her husband that he will become born again. Please pray for her sons. Please pray for my mother, she really needs many prayers, she is the reason it took me so long to come to the Lord. My mother claims to be born again, but she hates me, an only child, because I'm not a boy, she won't talk to me or write me, once a great while she will write to me and brag how much money she has, but I'm her only child and she would not help me if she saw me laying in a ditch. You probably are asking how I know, she told me once many, many years ago. She turned my oldest daughter against me. They both need prayers. I'm sending a donation, use where needed

most. Please pray that my cars stay together. Please pray for me also, Satan has really been hitting me hard these last 3 years. I really need prayers that I won't compromise when the Sunday law passes, I'm a weak person and I know it. I don't want to sin against God. Jesus needs to come back soon to end all this pain and suffering. I'm also sending you money for the videos *The Rise and Fall of the King of the North*. May God bless and keep you and yours and your work. Your sister in the Lord Jesus Christ, L.L.



Jeff and Staff, I thank God for your ministry and look forward to hearing from you each month! Please us the enclosed for whatever is at most needy at the time you receive it.

May God continue to bless you and you family and staff as you endeavor to do His will. Praise God. Please forward monthly information and tapes to an Adventist brother who is very dedicated but feels the church is in apostasy and has stated his own church. He is great at teaching natural medicine but definitely misguided. I feel a great burden for him. Please send anything that you feel will help. T.V.

Just want you to know how much I appreciate the tapes and newsletters. It's like a "letter from home", and such good material for sharing. God bless.



Dear Brother Jeff, Am enjoying your truth-filled tapes very much. You are surely doing everything you can to prepare the saints for what's coming. Sometimes my 80 year-old brain has trouble assimilating it all but don't give up on me. God bless. N.P.



Dear Jeff, You would really be smiling to see my home every Thursday 4-6PM. Six of us meet to do your *Time of the End* booklet! I duplicate your tapes for them to hear and then we do it the next week again. We are so very thankful to you for study and for sending me these materials. May God richly bless you and yours. Here is the remainder of the money we owed you. We love these tapes. In His Service, P.I.—Canada



Thanks for the *Future News* and tapes. God bless you as you continue in his work. Enclosed is a check, hope it will help somewhere along life's line. Yours in Christ, G.B.—TN



Appreciate keeping us posted on current events, and am praying Christ's coming will not be delayed because His people are not ready. The last tape I got was *The Hour of Adventism's Visitation*—pertinent information. Thank you.

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*Future for America*, Dear friends your newsletter struck a high note; so with the tape, thanks so very much. I hope to send more next month, for your ministry is right on line. Just got the motor put in the work van and it blew up then the other car cost as well. So by the time we got the work van out and running it was a lot. May God Richly Bless, C.



Dear Jeff and *Future for America*, Thank you for you ministry and the sermon tapes and newsletters. They are a real blessing. Enclosed is an offering to be used as you see fit for your ministry. Thanks again, K.T.—VA



Dear Friends, Your tape ministry has been a great blessing to me. I appreciate the tapes you send each month and the prompt way in which you always send the tapes I order. Also I appreciate the prompt way you send the receipt for the contribution I send you.

Would you please send me the following tapes...? Thank you and may God continue to bless you and your ministry. R.E.—NC

**“There needs to be presented to all students and physicians, and by them to others, that the whole animal creation is more or less diseased. Diseased meat is not rare, but common. Every phase of disease is brought into the human system through subsisting upon the flesh of dead animals.” *Counsels on Diets and Foods*, 292.**



## MAD COW AND MORE—PART TWO

What do we know and when did we know it? Here’s a brief summary of what is now a massive amount of accumulating data:

\* Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, BSE or, dubbed by the British as Mad Cow Disease, is an always-fatal, progressive central nervous system disease identified in the UK in cattle in 1986. Over the course of the disease, large holes or vacuoles are formed in brain tissue giving it the appearance of a sponge. Severe neurological symptoms in afflicted animals gave them the appearance of having gone “mad.”

\* Epidemiologists have discovered a connection between scrapie or “mad sheep disease”, a similar, fatal affliction in sheep. Scrapie has been present in UK sheep for over 200 years. In 1934, a UK vaccine catastrophe occurred when scrapie was spread to nearly 5 thousand of eighteen thousand lambs vaccinated with scrapie-contaminated vaccine. Further studies determined that scrapie could spread naturally from ewe to lamb, and from lamb to lamb via vaccination. The data was not published for 15 years! In 1947, with the help of man, a scrapie-infected food supplement “jumped species” and brought a similar disease to farm-raised mink. Today, is believed that scrapie once again “jumped species,” with British assistance, and became BSE or mad cow disease when remnants of butchered, diseased sheep were ground up and turned into feed and protein supplements for cattle.

\* When cattle started to die of a strange new neurological disease, the cattle carcasses and remains from butchering of the cattle for human food were immediately ground up and turned into food for still more cattle.

\* In 1987 there were 446 BSE cases in the UK. In 1991, 25,359 cases. By 1992, the peak year, so far, there were 37,280. By 1994, the new cases had dropped to 24,436. By 1996, 8,149, and through November 11<sup>th</sup> this year, there were 1,067 new cases.

\* Through last week, the UK has reported a total of 180,323 BSE cases, in more than 50% of the dairy herds in the UK, since recognition of the deadly disease. Throughout Europe, exclusive of the UK, there have been 1,578 cases before this week’s latest figures from France and Italy. Canada and Oman have each had one confirmed case. Through the CDC and USDA, the US officially reports no BSE cases to date.



\* Throughout the most severe years of the epidemic, British government and health officials insisted there was no risk to human health from eating meat from BSE infected herds. On March 21, 1996, 10 cases of CJD were officially reported in the UK. A naturally occurring, Sporadic CJD occurs worldwide, including in the US and Australia, in about 1 in 1 million people each year, nearly all of these are 63 years of age or older. This frequency has remained constant for many years. The ages of the 10 new victims of CJD average 27, and the pathological changes in their brain tissue were different than Sporadic CJD. These 10 novel cases, the tip of an emerging iceberg of still undetermined size, represented the first reported new variant CJD, nvCJD, the human form of mad cow disease.

\* CJD has also been transmitted in health care settings (Iatrogenic CJD.) It has been spread by "sterilized" neurosurgical instruments. It has been transmitted via cornea and dura mater grafts. Human pituitary growth hormone treatment of short-statured children up until 1985 continued despite warnings that the hormone was possibly a source of the agent that causes CJD. By 1985, the first four children infected with CJD via growth hormone had appeared. Injection programs were immediately halted in most countries, though France continued. By 1996 there were 90 cases of growth hormone caused CJD, and half of these were in France according to

\* Australia's Dr. Lynette Dumble, a Senior Research Fellow at University of Melbourne's Department of Surgery, who claims that another hormone, human pituitary gonadotrophin, has also knowingly been injected into infertile women during the same time period. She says that records of these patients were "less than complete" and "just three years after the first cases of pituitary growth hormone-related CJD, the National Institutes of Health in the US prematurely assumed in 1988 that the short-term nature of the gonadotrophin treatment precluded any risk of contracting CJD, and set about shredding the records of infertile women treated by some 250 gynecologists over the previous 15 years." In 1989, the first of these injected women, a forty-year old Australian woman, contracted CJD. By 1993 there were three more in Australia, all within a year or two of forty. Officially, 300 infertile British women received the injections, but infertility personnel indicate the numbers were likely much larger. Dr. Dumble says that the issue for American, German and Scandinavian women "has scarcely been touched." She points out that these real and potential CJD cases could have been contained, but that these women may already have passed on their legacy to their children—and to the general blood supply.

\* CJD has been transmitted in mortuary settings. According to Johns Hopkins Medical Center's Dr. Paul Brown in an article for a funeral director's publication, The Director, the frequencies with which body tissues have been found to contain CJD-infective agent (prions) are: Brain + + +, Spinal cord + +, Cerebrospinal fluid + +, Pituitary Gland + +, Eye + + +, Lung +, Liver +, Kidney +, Spleen +, Lymph nodes +, Blood +, and zeros ( 0 ) for all of the following: heart and skeletal muscle, adipose (fat) tissue, testis, prostate, tears, nasal mucous, saliva, sputum, urine and feces. The key— + + + is usually infective; + + frequent; + irregular; 0 absent.

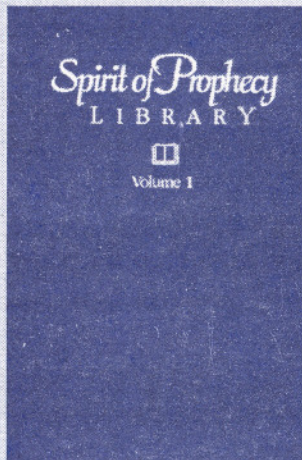
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cells (leucodepletion) where most of the infective prion agent of CJDs are concentrated. The blood supply is safe.” Then, September 14, 2000 in the prestigious British science journal, *Lancet*, “We have shown that it is possible to transmit BSE to a sheep by transfusion with whole blood taken from another sheep during the symptom-free phase of an experimental BSE infection. BSE and nvCJD in human beings are caused by the same infectious agent, and the sheep-BSE experimental model has a similar pathogenesis to that of human nvCJD. Although UK blood transfusions are leucodepleted—a possible protective measure against any risk from blood transmission—this report suggests that blood donated by symptom-free nvCJD-infected human beings may represent a risk of spread of nvCJD infection among the human population of the UK.” The scientists go on to point out that they are releasing this evidence early because “we regard this finding as sufficiently important to report now rather than after the study is completed, several years hence. The blood dona-

tion resulting in transmission of BSE to the recipient was 400 mL of whole blood taken from a healthy sheep 318 days after oral challenge with BSE.” In other words, the blood donor had been fed BSE infected cattle brain. At 318 days, it still showed no symptoms.

Blood was taken from this apparently healthy animal and transfused into another. At 629 days, the donor developed BSE symptoms. At 610 days the transfused, recipient sheep developed BSE symptoms. The conclusion and implications are obvious: the blood of an outwardly healthy appearing animals, may transmit BSE. In the case of our 11-month old baby girl, it would appear it is borne out in the human form of mad cow as well.

\* The US Red Cross now excludes potential American donors who may have been exposed to British beef during the peak of its epidemic. Students, military, diplomatic corps, for example, and any who have been exposed to bovine insulin during that time. A family member who recently donated blood at a private blood bank reported that she was asked if anyone in her family had ever been diagnosed with CJD. Canada, too, has place restrictions on blood donations from visitors to the UK.

\* Maurice Callaghan, an engineer from West Belfast, was one of the early victims of nvCJD. He died in 1995. He was a regular blood donor in the years before his illness. Seven of 82 known victims were regular blood donors.

\* November 13, 2000 in *The Times* of London: “Half the surgical instruments used for tonsil operations could be contaminated by variant CJD, according to an expert.” (Tonsils are infected with CJD prions even before disease symptoms appear. Normal sterilization protocols do not inactivate CJD prions. Sterilized instruments remain infective.) The estimate for the surgical instruments was based on a conservative estimate of 10,000 people in the UK incubating the disease. John Collinge of Imperial College School of Medicine in London said the ear, nose and throat surgeons at St Mary’s Hospital, part of the medical school, “calculated that half the tonsillectomy sets in the UK are contaminated. This is potentially a serious problem.” The doctor complained, “It’s a major problem to which the Department of Health (UK) has given a lot of thought and not much action.” The Department of Health is consulting with surgeons on whether to switch to disposable, single-use instruments, especially in tonsil, appendix, eye and brain surgeries.

\* November 16, 2000 in *New Scientist*: “Disturbing new evidence suggests that nearly three times as many people may be at risk from BSE than previously thought. So far, all victims of vCJD, the human form of BSE, have been from a minority of the population (37%) with a particular genetic make-up. This raised hopes that most of the population was immune to the infection.” New evidence now indicates that this is not so. “The implication is that people with the ‘protective’ gene combinations are not immune from the disease. They’ll simply have to wait longer for the disease to strike.” (The demographics implications are mind-boggling. Thirty years from the date of infection, how many thousands or even millions of citizens will develop, nearly simultaneously, vCJD. How will the UK or any country handle the massive medical care issues? Many of these people may be parents of young children at that time. Others will be elderly. Will any family remain untouched by tragedy?)

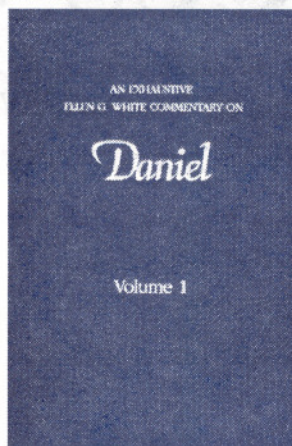
\* November 18, 2000 in *PA News*: “According to the BBC, the Government has previously predicted that the maximum number of people who could die was 136,000, and the so-called Central Figure—the best guess about how many actually would die—was 6000. But the initial figure has been upwardly revised to 250,000. Professor John Collinge of the BSE Advisory Committee told the programme: ‘We might be seeing an epidemic that involves hundreds of thousands of people. Let’s hope that’s not the case, but it’s still possible. We need to guard against false optimism and wishful thinking, which has bedevilled this field for too long.’”

85 zoo animals, 24 species from 4 countries, have now been infected with BSE. The animals range from the bison and cheetah to exotic antelopes, lions, tigers, pumas and more. What’s more, British house cats are increasingly afflicted with a feline version of the same BSE.

A full 15% of free-ranging deer and elk in northeastern Colorado and southeastern Wyoming are infected with a prion disease similar to scrapie and mad cow. It is called Chronic Wasting Disease, and there have been newspaper reports of at least 3 deaths in people who have eaten venison from deer hunted in this region. (I have not yet confirmed these reports with CDC nor have I seen them in medical journal) In two of these three cases, the victims were younger than one would expect for sporadic CJD—one was in his twenties and the mother was in her thirties. The third was a man in his sixties. Each reportedly died within a few months, much shorter than the 15 to 24 months often cited in cases of CJD. In *EMBO Journal*, the journal of the European Molecular Biology Organization, in vitro (test tube) studies with the prions responsible for Chronic Wasting Disease in deer and human cellular prion protein, PrpC. The study showed the deer prions were effective in converting human prions to an infective form, though at a 14-fold lower rate than normal deer prions to infective deer prion conversions. by Geri Guidetti.

**“Let the diet reform be progressive. Let the people be taught how to prepare food without the use of milk or butter. Tell them that the time will soon come when there will be no safety in using eggs, milk, cream, or butter, because disease in animals is increasing in proportion to the increase of wickedness among men. The time is near when, because of the iniquity of the fallen race, the whole animal creation will groan under the diseases that curse our earth.” *Counsels on Diets and Foods*, 349.**

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There is a fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins.  
And sinner plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains.  
Ere since by faith I saw the stream,  
Thy flowing wounds supply.  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die.  
—William Cowper

In past ages God's redeeming love for man has focused on different stages of His plan of salvation. In the time of the end, its focus is on the last stage. Since 1844 our attention has centered in the Holy of Holies. All who direct their attention to any other place, thereby shut themselves out of the most exciting period in the world history.

In Jesus day, the Jews failed to keep in step with God's providence. They knew not the day of their visitation. They rejected and killed the Son of God who came to save them, so they were rejected as His chosen people. Said Christ to them, "The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." Matthew 21:43. It was a calamity. The same calamity would be ours if we fail to keep in step with God's providence in our day. May He give us humble hearts and keen spiritual eyesight to recognize **the signs of the times**.

The fate of the Jews was due to their failure to study the 70-week prophecy. Gabriel told Daniel, "Seventy weeks are determined upon they people and upon they holy city." Daniel 9:24. When Jesus began His ministry, He said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." Mark 1:15. Note the word

"time". Galatians 4:4 says, "When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son." We read in *The Desire of Ages*, pages 43-47.

"The angels had wondered at the glorious plan of redemption. They watched to see how the people of God would receive His Son, clothed in the garb of humanity. Angels came to the land of the chosen people. . . They came unseen to Jerusalem, to the appointed expositors of the Sacred Oracles, and the ministers of God's house. Already to Zacharias the priest, as he ministered before the altar, the nearness of Christ's coming had been announced. Already the forerunner was born, his mission attested by miracle and prophecy. The tidings of his birth and the wonderful significance of his mission had been spread abroad. Yet Jerusalem was not preparing to welcome her Redeemer.

"With amazement the heavenly messengers beheld the indifference of that people whom God had called to communicate to the world the light of sacred truth. . . The priests and teachers of the nation knew not that the greatest event of ages was about to take place. They rehearsed their meaningless prayers, and performed the rites of worship to be seen of men, but in their strife for riches and worldly honor they were not prepared for the revelation of the Messiah. . . Hearts selfish and world engrossed were untouched by the joy that thrilled all heaven. Only a few were longing to behold the Unseen. To these heaven's embassy was sent.

"Men know it not, but the tidings fill heaven with rejoicing. Above the hills of Bethlehem are gathered an innumerable throng of angels. They wait the signal to declare the glad news to the world. Had the leaders in Israel been true to their trust, they might have shared the joy of heralding the birth of Jesus. But now they are passed by." Sad words written of "leaders in Israel!" Let it not be said that we too have been passed by!"

## DANIEL 8:14—THE KEYSTONE OF OUR FAITH

Daniel 8:14 is the focus of God's love in our day. It is the keystone in the arch of our faith. Knock it out, and the whole arch collapses, and we lose our distinctive message. But with Daniel 8:14 in hand, we have a unique gospel. No other church proclaims the judgment hour and other messages just before Christ returns. The gospel given to us is God's last loving call.

Some scholar, Adventist as well as non-Adventist, say, "You can't prove Daniel 8:14 from the Bible." But like the leaders in Israel at the birth of Jesus, they are blinded by their own wisdom, so they have been passed by.

Right after the disappointment in 1844, an intense Bible study of Daniel 8:14 was initiated by Hiram Edson, O.R.L. Crosier and Franklin B. Hahn. Crosier published the results of that study in the *Day Star Extra* of February 7, 1846, proving from the Bible that Christ entered the Holy of Holies in 1844. God confirmed it by a vision given to Ellen White early in 1845 (See *Early Writings*, 54–56.) long before Crosier published his article, and unknown to him. On April 21, 1847 Ellen White wrote that she was authorized by God to recommend Crosier's article to every saint.

But many still try to disprove the Adventist view of Daniel 8:14. They quote Hebrews 9:12 as evidence against it: "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." So, they say, the work of redemption is finished. It is not one of continuing atonement.

The text quoted is correct. But it does not contradict Christ's work of continuing atonement. Here is the explanation: God gave Daniel the vision of the 2300 days, and told him to seal it to the "time of the end." In that case He must see to it that no one would be able to open it before its appointed time. But not long after Daniel, God inspired Paul to write Hebrews to reveal vital truths of the sanctuary. Many insights are given, yet not quite enough to open the seal. Thus in leading him to write on the sanctuary, God also lead him too say, "of which

we cannot now speak particularly." Hebrews 9:5. **He was to keep the seal on Daniel 8:14 intact.** If he said too much, the seal would be opened too early! So you see, God dealt with a very real problem.

Another way God guarded the seal was to let Paul present the whole work of atonement as completed. Yet he made a statement (as we shall see) to confirm the fact that the way into the holiest of all **was closed in Paul's day.** It is a peculiar arrangement: In God's eternal perspective, the plan of salvation is finished; from man's temporal perspective, the way into the holiest was closed when Paul wrote Hebrews. So Hebrews 9:12 is correct, but also in harmony with God's timetable.

### MINGLED TENSES IN PROPHETIC UTTERANCES

Note the tenses of the verbs in prophetic texts. God taught the prophets chiefly to use the past tense in speaking of the future events. Take Isaiah 53, a chapter on Christ's sufferings. In checking the verbs, we find that 11 are in the future tense, 5 in the present, and 27 in the past tenses. This mixing of tenses, with past tenses predominant, is God's way of prophesying. When Jesus said, "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living," Luke 22:32, He meant that God sees from the perspective of eternity. In terms of time, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are dead; in terms of eternity, they are living.

Now we return to Hebrews 9:12. It tells of a finished work. Why? Paul traced the timely sequence of atonement from the altar to the holy place and thence to the most holy, the seal on Daniel 8:14 would have been open before the "time of the end." But God must reserve the judgment hour message **for the judgment hour.** So the atonement ritual had to be written chiefly in the past tense; Christ **has obtained** eternal redemption for us. Yet there is **confirmation** of the seal. It is Hebrews 9: 8–9.

It says, "The Holy Spirit declaring this: that the way into the holiest of all **is not yet manifest** while the first apartment is yet standing, which is a figure of the present time." Here are three present Greek tenses purposely changed to the past tense by most English translators. They changed it not

because they were poor Greek scholars, but because they lacked the light on the 2300 days, which God gave to the Adventist in 1844. Because the translators could see no sense in the present tenses, they altered them to suit their preconceived ideas, resulting in the odd artificial expression, “the time then present.”

Now our rendering has restored the present tense. Paul says, in his day, while the first apartment **is** still standing as a figure of the “**present time**,” the “way into the holiest of all” **is not yet manifest**. It gives the clue that the first apartment stands **for a period of time** from the first advent to 1844, and the second apartment stands for the period from 1844 to the Second Advent. This second period is the “time of reformation” of Hebrews 9:10. This recovery of the present tenses results from the light God gave the disappointed Adventist since 1844. (See the previous article, *Two Big Enigmas* for a detailed exposition.) One looking for the 2300 days in Hebrews will not find it explicitly taught, but it is **implicit** in Hebrews 9:8–10, when properly translated.

## A GREAT DIVIDE

Daniel 8:14 is a great divide. All who follow Christ into the holiest place behold a whole system of new truths open up before them. Jesus said, “Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it.” Revelation 3:8. All who do not follow Him to the holiest place are left kneeling at an empty throne in the holy place, mistaking “an unholy influence” from Satan for the Holy Spirit. All this is described in *Early Writings*, 54–56.

All Bible students should master this principle governing the tenses of verbs related to the plan of salvation: The **timeless efficacy** of Jesus’ blood is in harmony with the **timely steps** He takes in working out the atonement process. He was born **on time**, and died **on time**, as “in the midst of the week” He caused “the sacrifice and oblation to cease.” Daniel 9:26–27. Then “by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place.” In 1844 the way into the holiest was open, so He took the third step. He was always punctual, but when the time was not ripe, He often said, “My time is not yet come.” John 2:4, 7:6.

The harmony of Hebrews 9:12 with Daniel 8:14 is seen in God leading Ellen White to quote it in *The Desire of Ages*, 757:

“The great sacrifice has been made. The way into the holiest is laid open. A new and living way is prepared for all. No longer need sinful, sorrowing humanity await the coming of the high priest. Henceforth the Savior was to officiate as priest and advocate in the heaven of heavens. It was as if a living voice has spoken to the worshipers: There is now an end to all sacrifices and offerings for sin. The Son of God is come according to His word, ‘Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of Me,) to do Thy will, O God.’ ‘By His own blood’ He entereth ‘in once into the holy place, **having obtained eternal redemption for us.**’ Hebrews 10:7; 9:12.” Ellen White applied this text to the rending of the veil, before Christ rose from the dead.

Then God also led Ellen White to write on page 424 of *The Great Controversy*: “Both the prophecy of Daniel 8:14, ‘Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed,’ and the first angel’s message, ‘Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come,’ pointed to Christ’s ministration in the most holy place, to the investigative judgment, and to the coming of Christ for the redemption of His people and the destruction of the wicked.”

There is no conflict between Hebrews 9:12 and the Adventist view of Daniel 8:14. For the same Spirit who taught Paul to write Hebrews 9:12 also led Ellen White to quote it. Speaking of redemption, God at times jumped ahead of His timetable.

The key is in God’s perspective. He sees the entire plan of salvation as finished. Another text makes it very clear: Romans 8:30 says, “whom He justified, them He also glorified.” Time-bound scholars would argue, the glorification of the saints is still future! Yes, but God sees the whole plan of redemption as finished, just as in Hebrews 9:12.

Thus Jesus was typified in the serpent Moses lifted up in the wilderness. In Habakkuk 3:4 we see how He “had horns coming out of His hand, and there was the hiding of His power.” So Habakkuk saw the mail prints in Jesus’ hands 400 years before the crucifixion! And Zechariah saw Christ in vision when “one shall say unto him, ‘What are these wounds in thine hands?’ Then he shall an-

swer, "Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends." Zechariah 13:6.

Two Bible texts suffice to summarize our theme: One is, "the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world." Revelation 13:8. (As soon as there was a sinner, there was a Savior.) The other is, "When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son." Galatians 4:4. The two do not contradict, but rather complement each other.

## GOD'S BIG SECRET

Bible students need to see how God kept Daniel 8:14 a tight secret for 2300 years. The Hebrew text reads literally: "unto two thousand three hundred evening-mornings, then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."

Daniel twice stresses that the vision is for many days, and four times that it is sealed to the time of the end:

Daniel 8:17: "Understand, O son of man; for at the time of the end shall be the vision.

Daniel 8:19: "What shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be."

Daniel 8:26: "The vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.

Daniel 10:14: "Understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days."

Daniel 12:14: "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end."

Daniel 12:9: "Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end."

Anyone reading these texts can see that the literal-day interpretation is not tenable. It is senseless to say that 2300 days can reach to the "time of the end." Moreover the order to "seal the vision to the time of the end" would be pointless. Still modernists see the 2300 days as the time the temple was defiled by Antiochus Epiphanes, their falsely identified villain in Daniel's visions. They say that Daniel was written around 165 BC by an unknown Jew. Then how do they explain that Mattathias exhorted his sons to emulate the deeds of the three Hebrews who "for their faith, were saved from the fire. Daniel, for his innocence, was delivered from the jaws of

lions." 1 Maccabees 2:59-60. Mattathias recorded this around the year 165 BC How could he have read the book of Daniel when an unknown Jew was still forging it? The fact that Jesus quoted from Daniel (Matthew 24:15), confirms its early authorship.

So we see that the modernists are wrong in many ways, but they still cling to the literal-day theory. They say that the prophecy was written after the temple was defiled and then restored by Judas Maccabee, and 2300 evening-mornings refer to the evening-morning sacrifices offered every day, so 2300 offerings were offered in 1150 days. But 1150 days fail to match the actual number of days the temple was defiled. Since it was history written as prophecy, the number of days should be exact. On page 180, volume 7, of *Lange's Commentary* we read the following words by Otto Zockler: "While the representatives of the opinion that the 2300 evening-mornings are but half as many days, fail to establish an exact correspondence between prophecy and its fulfillment, those expositors who regard the language as designation 2300 days succeed no better."

Daniel 12:9 indicates that Daniel himself was not permitted to know all that was involved in the 2300 days. He did not need to know. But Paul, though he was told by the Spirit that the way into the holiest of all was not yet manifest in his day, yet he admitted that due to "the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure." 2 Corinthians 12:7. In view of the wealth of truth God gave the church through Paul, we can see why he truly got an "abundance of revelations." It may be rightly said that Paul was to the church what Moses was to the Jews—channels of light chosen of God to bring much needed instructions to His people.

Among the truths given to the church through Paul, the sanctuary stands out prominently. The sanctuary God taught Moses to build, He taught Paul to expound. Both were moved by the Spirit of God to focus on the sanctuary. Rightly so, as "Thy says O God, are in the sanctuary." Psalm 77:13. So today the sanctuary should occupy the minds of all who love the truth.

## UNSPEAKABLE WORDS

We read in 2 Corinthians 12:2 that Paul was once “caught up to the third heaven—into paradise, and **heard unspeakable words**, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.” Now, we believe that those “unspeakable words” had to do with the sanctuary. For its cleansing after 2300 days was for a long time a big secret that God told Daniel to seal. But since Paul must tell the world that God “hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man who he hath ordained,” Acts 17:31, God very likely confided in Paul truths about the judgment day so that he could speak authoritatively, but it was not lawful for him to utter anything that might give away the big secret that God was holding for the appointed time.

God said that Daniel 8:14 must be sealed to the time of the end. The angel in Daniel 12:7 said that the “end of these wonders” would come after “a time, times and an half.” Which is 1260 years after AD 538, coming to AD 1798. A hundred years before that, Sir Isaac Newton solved the 70 weeks riddle, but did not have an answer for the 2300 days. Because he lived a hundred years early. Soon after 1798, widespread interest in the 2300 days resulted in at least 43 books published in Europe, and 26 of them gave 1843, 1844, and 1847 as the end of that period. Many men indeed ran to and fro in the pages of Scripture, and knowledge of the 2300 days did indeed increase. The seal was opened on time just as God had foretold.

We must be focused where God has His focus—on the sanctuary. Christ left His Father’s bosom to wash in the Jordan, die on the cross, and rise from the tomb. He ascended on high to minister in the holy place. Now He is in the Holy of Holies, reviewing the cases of all who call Him Lord, before He lays down His priestly robes to return. This is the focus of the entire onlooking universe. Let us not be like the Jews when Jesus first came: “Hearts selfish and world-engrossed were untouched by the joy that thrilled all heaven.” Such poor inert hearts were passed by!

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## LOVE’S LAST CALL

Dear fellow pilgrims on the narrow path, we too are in danger of being selfish and world-engrossed. Satan knows his time is short, so tries his best to trip us. This world with its attractions is soon to go up in smoke. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who may soon read your name in the Book of Life. Will you pass that last case review? Let us now put all we have and are to help spread God’s last call of mercy to a world that will soon be captivated by Satan himself personating Christ.

**“Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures and have received the love of the truth will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive. . . Are the people of God now so firmly established upon His word that they would not yield to the evidence of their senses? Would they, in such a crisis, cling to the Bible and the Bible only? Satan will, if possible, prevent them from obtaining a preparation to stand in that day. He will so arrange affairs as to hedge up their way, entangle them with earthly treasures, cause them to carry a heavy, wearisome burden, that their hearts may be overcharged with the cares of this life and the day of trial may come upon them as a thief.” *The Great Controversy*, 625.**