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## A Revelation of Christ

“When Christ sent forth the disciples with the gospel message, faith in God and His word had well-nigh departed from the world. Among the Jewish people, who professed to have a knowledge of Jehovah, His word had been set aside for tradition and human speculation. Selfish ambition, love of ostentation, greed of gain, absorbed men’s thoughts. As reverence for God departed, so also departed compassion toward men. Selfishness was the ruling principle, and Satan worked his will in the misery and degradation of mankind.

“Satanic agencies took possession of men. The bodies of human beings, made for the dwelling place of God, became the habitation of demons. The senses, the nerves, the organs of men were worked by supernatural agencies in the indulgence of the vilest lust. The very stamp of demons was impressed upon the countenances of men. Human faces reflected the expression of the legions of evil with which men were possessed.

“What is the condition in the world today? Is not faith in the Bible as effectually destroyed by the higher criticism and speculation of today as it was by tradition and rabbinism in the days of Christ? Have not greed and ambition and love of pleasure as strong a hold on men’s hearts now as they had then? In the professedly Christian world, even in the professed churches of Christ, how few are governed by Christian principles. In business, social, domestic, even religious circles, how few make the teachings of Christ the rule of daily living. Is it not true that ‘justice standeth afar off: . . . equity cannot enter. . . . And he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey’? Isaiah 59:14– 15.

“We are living in the midst of an “epidemic of crime,” at which thoughtful, God-fearing men everywhere stand aghast. The corruption that prevails, it is beyond the power of the human pen to describe. Every day brings fresh revelations of political strife, bribery, and fraud. Every day brings its heart-sickening record of violence and lawlessness, of indifference to human suffering, of brutal, fiendish destruction of human life. Every day testifies to the increase of insanity, murder, and suicide. Who can doubt that satanic agencies are at work among men with increasing activity to distract and corrupt the mind, and defile and destroy the body?

“And while the world is filled with these evils, the gospel is too often presented in so indifferent a manner as to make but little impression upon the consciences or the lives of men. Everywhere there are hearts crying out for something which they have not. They long for a power that will give them mastery over sin, a power that will deliver them from the bondage of evil, a power that will give health and life and peace. Many who once knew the power of God’s word have dwelt where there is no recognition of God, and they long for the divine presence.

“The world needs today what it needed nineteen hundred years ago—a revelation of Christ. A great work of reform is demanded, and it is only through the grace of Christ that the work of restoration, physical, mental, and spiritual, can be accomplished.” *The Ministry of Healing*, 142–143. {MH 143.2}

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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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# Ministry Update

We have begun our planning to return to the Philippines in 2001. We intend to hold two, and possibly three back-to-back crusades. We plan to hold the series in dark areas and once again construct a church for each crusade. We are waiting for the estimated budget to arrive from the brethren in the Philippines, but we expect the cost to be about twelve thousand for each campaign. We will give further information on the cost as it develops. We will once again be holding the campaigns in the month of January. If you can help, please mark your donations *Philippines 2002*. We will assess our ability to hold three campaigns by the funds the Lord provides. The following is part of an email we received from one of the sisters who went to the Philippines and helped this year:

 Hello Jeff, I just wanted to say thank you for giving us the opportunity to assist and putting us up in the Philippines. It is definitely a life changing experience. It has been quite a treat to visit another country and definitely want to travel more in the future. How did the second crusade in Bogo end? Did you hear anything about that? I haven't heard from L or R or W. Also I heard from Jerry and Alma Laig (Bible workers from Dumanjug).

Thanks again for all your hard work into these mission projects. You are truly God's servant. God bless, GT

We also received a letter from the wife of a brother who worked with the *Project Restore* team while we were there:

 Hi Jeff, Just a note to let you know that M arrived home safely and that the needs of the Philippine people (especially the children) made quite an impression on him. He wants to go back this year and help with an addition to the multi-grade school at Ubay. Hopefully, I can go also. Please let us know if you are planning another trip this year and if there is anyway in which we might be of help to you. We are in the process of selling our home and pray that God will sell it soon, so we be settled in our new place (with garden and fruit tress planted) and will be able to go to the Philippines and help the needs there. Please include us in your prayers as we daily pray for you and your ministry. The tapes have been a wonderful blessing. We look forward to receiving them each month. May God continue to bless your faithfulness and devotion to His work. Sincerely, M&JC

The crusades in the Philippines are and were a blessing in many ways. We thank all of you for allowing us to participate in this service through your continued support.

## A Nation Dies Culturally First

All one has to do is walk about or watch television or go to movies a few times to realize that America is embarked on a course of self-destruction. American society has become coarse, crude, vulgar and violent. It is producing children who, if they survive, survive as cynics or nihilists or psychopaths. Those children who run the gauntlet of peer pressure and cultural pressure with their ideals intact are true heroes.

Blame certainly falls on the courts and politicians, and on the entertainment-media industry which has become a moral sewer. It also falls on us. We have said "Yes" too many times. Yes to mass murder of infants, yes to pornography, yes to rude and violent behavior, yes to music that celebrates barbarism, yes to gross commercialism of sex, yes to vulgarity.

We will get out by learning to say "No". No to vulgarity and rude behavior. No to pornography. No to immorality on television and the movie screen. And, most importantly, no to mass murder of infants and the filthy propaganda that tries to hide its hideous truth.

Nations never stand still. They are always rising or falling. A nation dies culturally and spiritually first. Its money and its army are the last to go, but go they do once the light goes out in the nation's soul. Ours is feeble and flickering in the growing darkness. *The Conservative Chronicle*, February 9, 2000.

"The condition of things in the world shows that troublous times are right upon us. The daily papers are full of indications of a terrible conflict in the near future. Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. Strikes are common. Thefts and murders are committed on every hand. Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of men, women, and little children. Men have become infatuated with vice, and every species of evil prevails.

“The enemy has succeeded in perverting justice and in filling men’s hearts with the desire for selfish gain. ‘Justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.’ Isaiah 59:14. In the great cities there are multitudes living in poverty and wretchedness, well-nigh destitute of food, shelter, and clothing; while in the same cities are those who have more than heart could wish, who live luxuriously, spending their money on richly furnished houses, on personal adornment, or worse still, upon the gratification of sensual appetites, upon liquor, tobacco, and other things that destroy the powers of the brain, unbalance the mind, and debase the soul. The cries of starving humanity are coming up before God, while by every species of oppression and extortion men are piling up colossal fortunes.” *Testimonies*, volume 9, 11–12.



“Since the dawn of creation there has been both good & evil in the hearts of men and women. We all contain the seeds of kindness or the seeds of violence. The death of my wonderful daughter, Rachel Joy Scott, and the deaths of that heroic teacher, and the other eleven children who died must not be in vain. Their blood cries out for answers.

“The first recorded act of violence was when Cain slew his brother Abel out in the field. The villain was not *the club* he used. Neither was it the NCA, the National *Club* Association. The true killer was Cain, and the reason for the murder could only be found in Cain’s heart.

“In the days that followed the Columbine tragedy, I was amazed at how quickly fingers began to be pointed at groups such as the NRA. I am not a member of the NRA. I am not a hunter. I do not even own a gun. I am not here to represent or defend the NRA—because I don’t believe that they are responsible for my daughter’s death. Therefore I do not believe that they need to be defended. If I believed they had anything to do with Rachel’s murder I would be their strongest opponent.

“I am here today to declare that Columbine was not just a tragedy, it was a spiritual event that should be forcing us to look at where the real blame lies! Much of the blame lies here in this room. Much of the blame lies behind the pointing fingers of the accusers themselves. I wrote a poem just four nights ago that expresses my feelings best. This was written way before I knew I would be speaking here today:

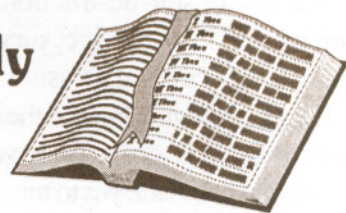
Your laws ignore our deepest needs,  
Your words are empty air.  
You’ve stripped away our heritage,  
You’ve outlawed simple prayer.  
Now gunshots fill our classrooms,  
And precious children die.  
You seek for answers everywhere,  
And ask the question ‘Why?’  
You regulate restrictive laws,  
Through legislative creed.  
And yet you fail to understand,  
That God is what we need!

“Men and women are three-part beings. We all consist of body, soul, and spirit. When we refuse to acknowledge a third part of our make-up, we create a void that allows evil, prejudice, and hatred to rush in and wreak havoc. Spiritual presence’s were present within our educational systems for most of our nation’s history. Many of our major colleges began as theological seminaries. This is a historical fact.

What has happened to us as a nation? We have refused to honor God, and in so doing, we open the doors to hatred and violence. And when something as terrible as Columbine’s tragedy occurs, politicians immediately look for

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a scapegoat such as the NRA. They immediately seek to pass more restrictive laws that contribute to erode away our personal and private liberties. We do not need more restrictive laws.

“Eric and Dylan would not have been stopped by metal detectors. No amount of gun laws can stop someone who spends months planning this type of massacre. The real villain lies within our own hearts. Political posturing and restrictive legislation are not the answers. The young people of our nation hold the key. There is a spiritual awakening taking place that will not be squelched! We do not need more religion. We do not need more gaudy television evangelists spewing out verbal religious garbage. We do not need more million dollar church buildings built while people with basic needs are being ignored. We do need a change of heart and a humble acknowledgment that this nation was founded on the principle of simple trust in God!”

“As my son Craig lay under that table in the school library and saw his two friends murdered before his very eyes—He did not hesitate to pray in school. I defy any law or politician to deny him that right! I challenge every young person in America, and around the world, to realize that on April 20, 1999, at Columbine High School prayer was brought back to our schools. Do not let the many prayers offered by those students be in vain. Dare to move into the new millennium with a sacred disregard for legislation that violates your God-given right to communicate with Him. To those of you who would point your finger at the NRA I give to you a sincere challenge.

“Dare to examine your own heart before casting the first stone! My daughter’s death will not be in vain! The young people of this country will not allow that to happen!” A portion of the address by Darrell Scott, the father of Rachel Scott, a victim of the Columbine High School shootings in Littleton, Colorado, to the House Judiciary Committee’s subcommittee, 22 March 2001.

“Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of men, women, and little children.” Ibid.

More Americans own guns now than ever before and, contrary to gun grabbers’ propaganda, the rate of fatal gun accidents has fallen by two-thirds. According to statistics, there are roughly 240 million guns in the US and only about 300 deaths and 2,000 injuries from firearms reported per year. In contrast, there are over 8,000 deaths from automobile accidents, more than 1,000 deaths from drowning, 700 deaths from fires and 140,000 injuries from toys reported annually. *Spotlight*, March 26, 2001.

## USA’s Grand Illusion

Even the most powerful nation-state may not be able to tame menaces of the new millennium: nuclear proliferation, especially in volatile regions (the Indian subcontinent, the Middle East); terrorism, involving—perhaps—weapons of mass destruction; economic instability—wild swings in financial markets or trade flows, and technological breakdowns—whether by accident or sabotage—of vital computer or communications systems, And beyond these threats lie internal challenges to social cohesion and economic well-being.

What we do know about the future is that we don’t know. The point is not to predict. The larger message is that there is a strong logic that conspires against American power and influence, even in the most favorable conditions. *Newsweek Special Issue*, December 1999.

“The present is a time of overwhelming interest to all living. Rulers and statesmen, men who occupy positions of trust and authority, thinking men and women of all classes, have their attention fixed upon the events taking place about us. They are watching the strained, restless relations that exist among the nations. They observe the intensity that is taking possession of every earthly element, and they recognize that something great and decisive is about to take place—that the world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis.

“Angels are now restraining the winds of strife, that they may not blow until the world shall be warned of its coming doom; but a storm is gathering, ready to burst upon the earth; and when God shall bid His angels loose the winds, there will be such a scene of strife as no pen can picture.” *Education*, 179–180.



# Global Terrorism Threat Means Global Controls

[International terrorist Osama] bin Laden's fast-moving international network seems to be outpacing international efforts to destroy it. There is an uneasy feeling in the upper levels of the US government that the threat posed by bin Laden is growing—and coming ever closer to home. Intelligence officials tell *Newsweek* that they believe bin Laden, a Saudi billionaire who is thought to be hiding out somewhere in Afghanistan, could strike at any time. The real question is where. It is not at all clear that bin Laden has the technical expertise or the resources to fashion the ultimate terrorist bomb [nuclear]. But some experts caution that the terrorist kingpin could fairly easily build a so-called dirty bomb, a conventional weapon that would shower lethal radioactive material over a wide area. The ingredients of such a bomb—or an equally fearsome biological or chemical weapon—may be for sale on the international black market. Stopping bin Laden from buying—and using—such weapons will take a coordinated and global effort. *Newsweek*, February 19, 2001.

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## Hope or Gloom—

# The Pew Research Center 1999 Millennium Survey

81% of people believe that there will be a cure for cancer in the next century.

79% believe there will be a cure for AIDS.

76% believe there will be men landing on Mars.

64% believe there will be a terrorist attack on the United States.

63% believe there will be a major energy crisis.

57% believe there will be men living in space.

56% believe there will be an epidemic worse than AIDS.

44% believe that Jesus Christ will return to the earth.

37% believe that the United States will be in a nuclear war.

31% believe that an asteroid will hit the earth.

*Newsweek*, January 1, 2000.



## The Uncrimped Lifestyle of the Rich and Feckless

A youngish couple comes into *R 20th Century*, a furniture and design store in TriBeCa that sells midcentury modern stuff. They see a \$5,500.00 hanging lamp by Verner Panton, admire it and, a few days later, come back with their 6-year-old daughter to see if she likes it. The lamp is for her room.

Zesty Meyers, a co-owner of the store, couldn't believe it. The couple bought that lamp and another one for their 2-year-old. "Last month was our best month ever, by far," he said. "Not by like ten percent. Like thirty to forty percent better."

You couldn't really identify the music coming over the sound system, but it may have been a techno remix of that club classic "Fiddling While Rome Burns."

Mr. Meyers, of *R 20th Century*, speculated that New Yorkers may have shifted the focus of their conspicuous consumption.

“Maybe there are dinners or lunches or a sports car that get cut out,” he said. “But for a piece of furniture that they’re going to live with the rest of their lives, they’re willing to spend.” At his store, a \$10,000.00 shelving unit by George Nelson had a “sold” tag on it. A rare Osvaldo Borsani coat rack had just been snapped up for \$3,200.00. And Mr. Meyers had removed a \$4,200.00 coffee table by Tapio Wirkkala from the floor because “they were selling too fast. There’s not as much volume,” Mr. Meyers said. “But the people who are coming in aren’t just window-shopping.”

At the Park [a cocktail restaurant], a lawyer and a consultant were sipping and flirting at the bar. Were either of them cutting back in any way?

Tom Summers, the lawyer, said, “Since I pay for everything, I don’t think she’s cutting back.” Christine Derisi, the consultant, added, “Whether I go out or not depends more on the weather than on the economy.” Ms. Derisi, 30, said her most recent splurge was a vacation in Belize and Guatemala.

“We’re in denial,” he said.

“But you only live once,” she added. They went on laughing and smiling. *The New York Times* on the Web, April 5, 2001.

“In the days before the flood, it is written that ‘the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.’ ‘The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.’ Here is a picture drawn by one inspired of God; and such, it is declared, will be the state of the world prior to Christ’s second coming. In the days of Noah, men found their highest enjoyment in the gratification of sensual desires. This world was their all. ‘Eat, drink, and be merry,’ was the cry echoed from lip to lip. The same insane love of pleasure, the same all-absorbing spirit of worldliness, characterize the people of this age. How little do they consider that their deeds and words are passing into judgment, and that every sin must have its retribution in the future!” *Review and Herald*, February 28, 1882.

Silver Spring, Maryland, *Community Daily News*—A survey of the religious affiliations listed by members of the new US Congress shows Roman Catholics in first place with 150 Representatives and Senators, a drop of one from the outgoing Congress.

“The Roman Catholic Church, with all its ramifications throughout the world, forms one vast organization under the control, and designed to serve the interests, of the papal see. Its millions of communicants, in every country on the globe, are instructed to hold themselves as bound in allegiance to the pope. Whatever their nationality or their government, they are to regard the authority of the church as above all other. Though they may take the oath pledging their loyalty to the state, yet back of this lies the vow of obedience to Rome, absolving them from every pledge inimical to her interests.” *The Great Controversy*, 580.

## Mary, Eschatological Icon of the Church

VATICAN CITY—The theme of John Paul II’s catechesis for today’s general audience, held in the Paul VI Hall, was: *Mary, Eschatological Icon of the Church*. As he entered the hall, the Pope passed slowly through the atrium and the center aisle, stopping frequently to greet those present.

In his catechesis the Pope observed that St. John’s Book of Revelation tells of a Child’s birth, which “represents the coming of the Messiah, and the woman evidently personifies the people of God, both the biblical Israel and the Church. Against Mary and the Church rises the dragon representing Satan and evil. Mary, her Son, and the Church, represent the seeming weakness and smallness of love, truth, and justice. Against them is unleashed the enormous destructive energy of violence, deceit, and injustice.”

“The time of distress, persecution and trial,” he continued, “is not, therefore, indefinite: At the end liberation will come, and it will be the hour of glory.” [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)



# Vatican Cautions Regarding Catholic-Lutheran Accord

The Vatican has issued a new caution regarding last year's joint Catholic-Lutheran statement on justification, pointing out that the statement **can only be understood properly in light of the accompanying statements put forward by the Holy See.**

*The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith* and the *Pontifical Council for Christian Unity* also recall that when the joint Catholic—Lutheran statement was issued, the Holy See also issued an accompanying statement indicating that the teachings of the Council of Trent and Vatican I were not being changed. Thus **the Catholic Church is not altering her position regarding justification by faith.** ewtn.com/ March 26, 2001.

“And let it be remembered, it is the boast of **Rome that she never changes.** The principles of Gregory VII and Innocent III are still the principles of the Roman Catholic Church. And had she but the power, she would put them in practice with as much vigor now as in past centuries. Protestants little know what they are doing when they propose to accept the aid of Rome in the work of Sunday exaltation. While they are bent upon the accomplishment of their purpose, Rome is aiming to re-establish her power, to recover her lost supremacy. Let the principle once be established in the United States that the church may employ or control the power of the state; that religious observances may be enforced by secular laws; in short, that the authority of church and state is to dominate the conscience, and the triumph of Rome in this country is assured.” *The Great Controversy*, .581.



## Lutherans split over Pope's role

PARIS, March 11 (UPI)—Lutheran bishops in Germany are split over whether the pope could act as a universally accepted spokesman for all Christianity, according to *Idea*, a Protestant news service.

Hans Christian Knuth, presiding bishop of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany, suggested that Protestants might recognize the pontiff in this role. Johannes Friedrich, Lutheran bishop of Bavaria, seconded Knuth's suggestion. Friedrich is also in charge of his denomination's relations with the Roman Catholic Church.

But Margot Kaessmann, Lutheran bishop of Hanover, vehemently rejected her colleagues' proposal, calling it an illusion that was not evangelical. Said Kaessmann, “We don't need a Pope.”

She said that according to Lutheran confessional writings “the church exists where Christians gather to hear the Gospel, and where the sacraments are properly administered.”

The Catholic understanding of the papacy was incompatible with the Protestant concept of a priesthood of all believers, she said.

Kaessmann, a member of the World Council of Churches central committee, explained that the “priesthood of all believers” implied direct communication between the individual and God. The bishop, a mother of four, also emphasized the Vatican's refusal to recognize the ordination of Protestant clergy, and particularly of female pastors.

Ishmael Noko, General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva, reacted more cautiously to Knuth's and Friedrich's suggestion. He told *Idea* that Lutherans could certainly look to the Pope “as a spiritual leader in the word.”

But, Noko said, “One cannot disassociate his spiritual role from his place as primate of the Roman Catholic episcopate.”

The Lutheran leader then asked, “Does globalization really call for a global spokesman for all Christians?”

On the other hand, the Karl Cardinal Lehmann, chairman of Germany's National Catholic Bishops Conference, said he welcomed the two Lutheran bishops' proposal. Bishop Paul-Werner Scheele, this Catholic body's ecumenism officer commented that only a generation ago Protestants regarded the Pope as the Anti-Christ.

“How the Roman church can clear herself from the charge of idolatry we cannot see. . . . And this is the religion which Protestants are beginning to look upon with so much favor, and which will eventually be united with Protestantism. This union will not, however, be effected by a change in Catholicism, for **Rome never changes.** She claims infallibility. It is Protestantism that will change.



The adoption of liberal ideas on its part will bring it where it can clasp the hand of Catholicism.”  
*Review and Herald*, June 1, 1886.

## A Council of the Past Holds Hope for Future Theologically, Catholics and Orthodox Moving Closer

ROME, (Zenit.org).- In a world where Christians are still divided, a council held 1,550 years ago gives clues for unity. This was the conclusion of a congress, organized by the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome, last Friday and Saturday, which studied the Council of Chalcedon, held in 451.

The meeting brought together theologians of Eastern and Western Europe to concentrate on the formulation of Christ’s very identity, expressed in the hypostatic union of his two natures, the human and divine. The definition, coined by Chalcedon, caused the schism with the Armenian Apostolic Church.

Archbishop Mesrob K. Krikorian, representative of the Armenian Apostolic Church, and legate for Central Europe, told *ZENIT*: “We are united by the same faith” and, in fact, “between the Church of Rome and the Oriental Orthodox Churches many problems have been resolved.”

“Thus, 1,500 years after the Council of Chalcedon, the Christological controversy between the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Churches has been leveled, and a reconciliation in benefit of the peoples and the Church of Christ has finally been reached,” the Armenian representative clarified.

Indeed, the Armenian Apostolic Church and the Catholic Church surmounted their differences officially on these theological questions in 1996 in Rome, when Armenian Patriarch Karekin I and John Paul II signed a joint declaration on the nature of Christ.

**“Those who are unwilling to accept the plain, cutting truths of the Bible are continually seeking for pleasing fables that will quiet the conscience. The less spiritual, self-denying, and humiliating the doctrines presented, the greater the favor with which they are received. These persons degrade the intellectual powers to serve their carnal desires. Too wise in their own conceit to search the Scriptures with contrition of soul and earnest prayer for divine guidance, they have no shield from delusion. Satan is ready to supply the heart’s desire, and he palms off his deceptions in the place of truth. It was thus that the papacy gained its power over the minds of men; and by rejection of the truth because it involves a cross, Protestants are following the same path. All who neglect the word of God to study convenience and policy, that they may not be at variance with the world, will be left to receive damnable heresy for religious truth. Every conceivable form of error will be accepted by those who willfully reject the truth. He who looks with horror upon one deception will readily receive another. The apostle Paul, speaking of a class who ‘received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved,’ declares: ‘For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.’ 2 Thessalonians 2:10–12. With such a warning before us it behooves us to be on our guard as to what doctrines we receive.”** *The Great Controversy*, 523.

## Anglicans “Hurt” by Catholic Teaching

LONDON, (CWNews.com)—The Church of England has condemned the Catholic Church yesterday for making “erroneous assumptions” about Anglicans when refusing to allow Anglicans to receive Catholic Communion.

In “The Eucharist: Sacrament of Unity,” published yesterday, Anglican bishops stress clear their anger with Catholics over recent dismissive statements about Anglican teaching, particularly *One Bread, One Body*, written by Britain’s Catholic bishops in 1998.

In a preface to the report, the Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, said the Catholic Church’s ban on the two denominations sharing Holy Communion was a particularly “hurtful and unhelpful” discipline.

The report calls for a more “flexible” approach by the Vatican and said sharing the Eucharist should not be reserved for the “end point of unity between separated churches.”

“God’s word has given warning of the impending danger; let this be unheeded, and the Protestant world will learn what the purposes of Rome really are, only when it is too late to escape the snare.”  
*The Great Controversy*, 583.

## A Cause for Joy


VATICAN CITY, March 22, 2001—A delegation from the Presbyterian Church in the United States was welcomed this morning by the Holy Father, who told them that their visit “is indeed a cause for joy.”

“Despite the significant steps taken in recent decades towards the goal of visible unity, we must acknowledge that . . . ‘there is still a long way to go,’” Pope John Paul added, quoting *Novo Millennio Ineunte*. He wished the members of the delegation a fruitful visit, saying “may your stay, and your conversations with the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, bear abundant fruit for the ecumenical tasks ahead.” *Vatican Information Service*.

## “Summit Meeting” Discussed

VATICAN, March. 23, 2001 (*CWNews.com*)—In a joint appearance on Russian radio, Moscow’s Catholic Archbishop Tadeusz Kondrusiewicz and Russian Orthodox Metropolitan Kirill have agreed that a “summit meeting” between Pope John Paul II and Patriarch Aleksei II of Moscow “should be truly historic, and not merely a protocol meeting.”

Metropolitan Kirill told his Russian radio audience that direct talks between the Pope and the Russian Patriarch could “permit the resolution of many unfortunate questions.” He said that a rapprochement between the Catholic and Orthodox churches would require “flipping over the pages of a thousand years of the history of our division, and trying to write a new page.”

 **NEW YORK (AP)**—The Southern Baptist Convention is halting 30 years of official doctrinal talks with the US Roman Catholic Church. The two denominations, America’s biggest with 78 million members between them, share belief in central Christian doctrines but ecumenical contacts have been a sore point for some Southern Baptists.

“We’re not ecumenists. We’re evangelicals committed to sharing the Gospel,” explained the Reverend R. Philip Roberts, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri., who formerly handled interfaith relations with the North American Mission Board.

Though the denomination’s 1994 meeting endorsed talks with the Catholics, Roberts said, “many Southern Baptists became suspicious of these discussions.”

When the talks began in 1971, both sides saw them as an opportunity to understand agreements and differences, though there was never any prospect of organizational union. The Rev. Timothy George, like Roberts a participant in the talks on the Baptist side, noted that a small faction of Baptists had “a strong and somewhat strident reaction against this.”

George, dean of Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Alabama, said “ecumenism is not a high priority for most Southern Baptists.”

Even so, George said, the discussions were significant because they were an official contact between two major groups. “I hope there will be open doors in the future,” he said.

In their letter terminating discussions with the Catholics, the Southern Baptists said they would “not rule out the possibility of future meetings.”

“But Romanism as a system is no more in harmony with the gospel of Christ now than at any former period in her history. **The Protestant churches are in great darkness, or they would discern the signs of the times.** The Roman Church is far-reaching in her plans and modes of

operation. She is employing every device to extend her influence and increase her power in preparation for a fierce and determined conflict to regain control of the world, to re-establish persecution, and to undo all that Protestantism has done. Catholicism is gaining ground upon every side. See the increasing number of her churches and chapels in Protestant countries. Look at the popularity of her colleges and seminaries in America, so widely patronized by Protestants. Look at the growth of ritualism in England and the frequent defections to the ranks of the Catholics. These things should awaken the anxiety of all who prize the pure principles of the gospel.” *The Great Controversy*, 565.

## President Bush Addresses Catholic Leaders

“All of you are part of the humanizing mission which is part of the ‘great commission’ and the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center [on the campus of Catholic University in Washington D.C.], which we will dedicate tomorrow, will bring this message to generations of Americans in this capital of our nation. “The best way to honor Pope John Paul II, truly one of the great men, is to take his teaching seriously; is to listen to his words and put his words and teachings into action here in America. This is a challenge we must accept.” [ewtn.com](http://ewtn.com)/ March 23, 2001.

“When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power. . . .” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 451.

## President’s Remarks at Dedication of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center

Catholic University, Washington, DC, March 22, 2001—The President: Your Excellency, thank you very much. You will be pleased to hear, my mother is still telling me what to do. (Laughter.) And I’m listening most of the time.

Cardinal Maida, thank you for your vision, and thank you for your smile. What a great smile. (Applause.) Cardinal Szocho, thank you very much for your hospitality and, Cardinal McCarrick, let me congratulate you on becoming a cardinal last month. Though we’re both new to our jobs, I’m the only one who is term-limited. (Laughter and applause.)

I may be just passing through and I may not be a parishioner, but I’m proud to live in your archdiocese. (Applause.) I’m pleased to join with all the church leaders and special guests here today to dedicate the cultural center. It is my high honor to be here.

When Cardinal Wojtyla spoke here at Catholic University in 1976, few imagined the course his life would take, or the history his life would shape. In 1978, most of the world knew him only as the Polish Pope. There were signs of something different and deeper. One journalist, after hearing the new Pope’s first blessing in Saint. Peter’s Square wired back to his editors: “This is not a pope from Poland, this is a pope from Galilee.” From that day to this, the Pope’s life has written one of the great inspiring stories of our time.

We remember the Pope’s first visit to Poland in 1979 when faith turned into resistance and began the swift collapse of imperial communism. The gentle, young priests, once ordered into forced labor by Nazis, became the foe of tyranny and a witness to hope. The last leader of the Soviet Union would call him “the highest moral authority on earth.” We remember his visit to a prison, comforting the man who shot him. By answering violence with forgiveness, the Pope became a symbol of reconciliation.

We remember the Pope’s visit to Manila in 1995, speaking to one of the largest crowds in history, more than 5 million men and women and children. We remember that as a priest 50 years ago, he traveled by horse-cart to teach the children of small villages. Now he’s kissed the ground of 123 countries and leads a flock of 1 billion into the Third Millennium.

We remember the Pope’s visit to Israel and his mission of reconciliation and mutual respect between Christians and Jews. He is the first modern Pope to enter a synagogue or visit an Islamic country. He has always combined the practice of tolerance with a passion for truth.

John Paul, himself, has often said, “In the designs of Providence, there are no mere coincidences.” And maybe the

reason this man became Pope is that he bears the message our world needs to hear. To the poor, sick and dying he carries a message of dignity and solidarity with their suffering. Even when they are forgotten by men, he reminds them they are never forgotten by God.

“Do not give in to despair,” he said, “in the South Bronx. God has your lives and His care, goes with you, calls you to better things, calls you to overcome.”

To the wealthy, this Pope carries the message that wealth alone is a false comfort. The goods of the world, he teaches, are nothing without goodness. We are called, each and every one of us, not only to make our own way, but to ease the path of others.

To those with power, the Pope carries a message of justice and human rights. And that message has caused dictators to fear and to fall. His is not the power of armies or technology or wealth. It is the unexpected power of a baby in a stable, of a man on a cross, of a simple fisherman who carried a message of hope to Rome.

Pope John Paul II brings that message of liberation to every corner of the world. When he arrived in Cuba in 1998, he was greeted by signs that read, “Fidel is the Revolution!” But as the Pope’s biographer put it, “In the next four days Cuba belonged to another revolutionary.” We are confident that the revolution of hope the Pope began in that nation will bear fruit in our time.

And we’re responsible to stand for human dignity and religious freedom wherever they are denied, from Cuba to China to Southern Sudan. (Applause.) And we, in our country, must not ignore the words the Pope addresses to us. On his four pilgrimages to America, he has spoken with wisdom and feeling about our strengths and our flaws, our successes and our needs.

The Pope reminds us that while freedom defines our nation, responsibility must define our lives. He challenges us to live up to our aspirations, to be a fair and just society where all are welcomed, all are valued, and all are protected. And he is never more eloquent than when he speaks for a culture of life. (Applause.) The culture of life is a welcoming culture, never excluding, never dividing, never despairing and always affirming the goodness of life in all its seasons.

In the culture of life we must make room for the stranger. We must comfort the sick. We must care for the aged. We must welcome the immigrant. We must teach our children to be gentle with one another. We must defend in love the innocent child waiting to be born. (Applause.)

The center we dedicate today celebrates the Pope’s message, its comfort and its challenge. This place stands for the dignity of the human person, the value of every life and the splendor of truth. And, above all, it stands, in the Pope’s words, for the “joy of faith in a troubled world.”

I’m grateful that Pope John Paul II chose Washington as the site of this center. It brings honor and it fills a need. We are thankful for the message. We are also thankful for the messenger, for his personal warmth and prophetic strength; for his good humor and his bracing honesty; for his spiritual and intellectual gifts; for his moral courage, tested against tyranny and against our own complacency.

Always, the Pope points us to the things that last and the love that saves. We thank God for this rare man, a servant of God and a hero of history. And I thank all of you for building this center of conscience and reflection in our Nation’s Capital.

God bless. (Applause.)

“**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.



## Bush Says No Plan to Slow Faith Based Initiative

WASHINGTON, DC, (*CWNews.com*)—President George W. Bush said today that he has no plans to delay proposing his faith-based charities initiative despite cautious comments from groups worried about the influence of government regulations on religious groups.

“We’re moving on a timetable that we’re comfortable with,” Bush told reporters as he toured an after-school program at Grace Episcopal Church in the New York City suburb of Plainfield, New Jersey. Senator Rick Santorum, said he plans to split the proposal into several Senate bills which he will sponsor—delaying some of the more controversial parts while first advancing those likely to pass easily.

Santorum said he would introduce the first part—which would allow all taxpayers to take deductions for contributions to charities—next week. The second part, allowing religious groups to receive government funding for social programs, would be introduced later.

Bush said he was happy with what he said was bipartisan support his proposal was attracting. He said he was pleased by Senator Joseph Lieberman’s comments, reported in Wednesday’s *Washington Post*, that the administration was handling the legislation in “the right way” by not hurrying it.



## EDITORIAL: Babylon is Falling!!!

The Adventist movement is predicated upon a biblical mission and message given to us in symbolic language “Babylon is fallen:,” “Come out of her my people!” At times, we have failed to adequately translate the biblical idiom into the modern vernacular.

Nearly 400 years ago, Roger Williams, a pastor and the founder of Rhode Island, debated with the Puritan leaders of New England the principles of religious liberty and church state separation. He insisted that giving the civil magistrate power to punish heretics was Babel, confusion. Indeed, his use of the biblical imagery was right on.

When Revelation calls the church Babylon, it is more than the confusion of doctrine. The church becomes Babylon when it obtains the enforcement of those confused doctrines by the state. It is confusion for the church to advance its spiritual mission through civil power. It is equally confusion for the state to advance its civil or social agenda through spiritual means.

This brings us to the front page of your newspaper. The news media have been doing a marvelous job of covering the Bush Administration’s proposal to fund ‘faith-based’ social service ministries. Why the term ‘faith-based?’

Why aren’t they called religious? Could it be because everyone knows the state can’t fund religion, but no one understands what ‘faith-based’ means?

We all need to understand what is really going on. This initiative was hatched by religious leaders as a way to obtain public funding for expanded ministry. They are not content with obtaining private funding to advance the gospel, they want to use tax dollars. But advancing the gospel is not the role of government, so the language must be engineered to mask the reality—“we’re funding the soup, not the Bibles. We’re not paying for religion, just for social services.”

This is confusion through and through. The state is taking on a religious function, and the church is asking for it. Both church and state are confused. It is leading to some very interesting politics. Pat Robertson publicly criticized the program, because of the potential for funding the Unification Church, Hare Krishnas and Scientologists. Another group was reportedly lobbying to prevent Louis Farrakhan from obtaining any funding.

So as long as the ‘evil’ religions don’t get any money, it’s o.k. to fund religion? And since when did the state have the right to decide which religions were good or bad? Understand that this sort of politics is not aberrational, but a necessary part of making such funds available. It is precisely why James Madison argued in the Virginia battle to dis-establish the Anglican Church, that funding the church leads inevitably to factionalism and divisiveness along religious lines. This brings us right back to Roger Williams arguing that the New England Political Establishment had no right to decide whose faith was right or wrong, punishing some as heretics.

This also returns us to the Book of Revelation. To speak of Babylon in public policy circles is to invite blank stares, or worse. To accuse the church of prostituting herself for public funding, although the Bible describes it that way, is a bit

uncouth. But at least our voice can be heard proclaiming the confusion of it all. This much, most people can understand and relate to.

So let's get with it, shall we? Instead of jumping on the bandwagon, drooling over what "our church" can do with tax dollars, let's remind ourselves that God can supply all our needs, without Uncle Sam's financial help, and that our job is to warn of the dangers of confusing the respective roles of church and state. *Pacific Union Conference Department of Public Affairs & Religious Liberty*, February 26, 2001.

**Editor's note:** Please note in last month's issue of *Future News*, an article from other Adventist leadership on this very same issue titled, "Adventist Leader States Faith-based Charities are—'an item we can live with'". So? Can we live with it? Or, should we warn against it?



## Religious Charities Bills Advanced on Capital Hill

WASHINGTON, DC, (*CWNews.com*)—The US House and Senate are now considering bills to implement President George W. Bush's plan to allow religious groups greater access to federal social services funds.

The two bills currently being considered differ in that the House version explicitly includes the religious charities rules, while the Senate version delays debate on the contentious issue several months. The House bill would open 10 new programs to religion-based charities. Both bills would allow the deduction of gifts to charity without requiring full itemization on federal income tax forms.

Speaking of the need to delay work on "charitable choice," Senator Joseph Lieberman, said: "It's better to wait a few months and see if we can resolve the questions raised. I remain optimistic."

Meanwhile House Speaker Dennis Hastert, said "charitable choice" is vital since it is often the religious elements of a program that reach people, giving them "a reason to live, a reason to change their lives."

Charitable choice is now available for welfare, drug treatment, and community services programs. The House bill would extend it to several other domestic programs, making it clear that religious groups are eligible for government money in programs for housing, juvenile justice, community development block grants, job training, child welfare, child care, crime prevention, senior citizen services, domestic violence, and hunger relief.



## US Bans EU Animal Imports

WASHINGTON March 13—The Agriculture Department on Tuesday suspended imports of livestock and fresh meat from the European Union after foot-and-mouth disease was found in France.

The ban, which also applies to unpasteurized dairy products, would have the biggest impact on imports of pork from the Netherlands and Denmark. Imports of beef from the European Union already were banned because of mad cow disease.

Some processed products are exempt from the ban. The US suspended all meat and animal imports from Britain February 21 and ordered stepped-up checks of travelers arriving from the United Kingdom.

Airline passengers who have visited the British countryside are required to have their shoes disinfected if they appear soiled. Now, travelers from the European Union also may be subject to additional scrutiny, including disinfection of their footwear if they have been on a farm.



## Mad Cow Disease Spreads

Until November, Germany saw itself as immune from the scourge of mad cow disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), which felled cattle in Britain and France and was linked to human deaths in both countries. Now, three months after the first case was confirmed here, Germany is discovering new cases every week, and the government says it will slaughter and incinerate 400,000 head of cattle this year.

Repercussions of the mad cow crisis are being felt across the continent as authorities rush to prevent the bovine epidemic from jumping to more human victims. Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, the incurable human form of the disease believed to be linked to eating beef from infected cattle, has been diagnosed in at least 90 people. *USA Today*, February 8, 2001.

“Animals are becoming more and more diseased, and it will not be long until animal food will be discarded by many besides Seventh-day Adventists.” *Testimonies*, volume 7, 124.



## ‘Mad Cow’ And The Blood Supply

Arlington, Virginia (CBS News)—As a precaution against a human variant of mad cow disease, the American Red Cross is calling on the federal government to ban blood donations from certain people who have lived in Western Europe since 1980. The Red Cross isn’t yet sure how long people would have had to spend in Western Europe for their blood to be refused, but says six months may be a logical cutoff.

The organization plans to formally file its request with the Food and Drug Administration, which will consider the situation at meetings set for Thursday and Friday. The FDA has already banned blood donations from people who lived in the United Kingdom for at least six months since 1980. That’s when mad cow disease began afflicting British cattle, a disease scientists ultimately linked to causing a new version of a human brain disease, called “new variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease,” in about 80 Britons.

While no one is sure whether that disease can be spread through human blood, the FDA issued the ban as a safeguard to prevent the new CJD from spreading to this country. An FDA committee will discuss whether to expand the blood donor ban to France and other European countries where the cattle version of the brain-destroying disease is spreading through livestock. “We believe this is a logical extension of the existing FDA ban,” explains CBS News Medical Consultant and Red Cross president Dr. Bernadine Healy.

“It is logical,” Healy says, “now that we know that mad cow disease is actually not just a UK problem but in fact is throughout Western Europe.”

The Red Cross also will ask the FDA to tighten the existing ban, refusing blood from anyone who has lived in Britain for three months instead of six. The Red Cross collects about 6.5 million units of blood annually, about half of the nation’s medical blood supply. The organization is urging an expansion of the ban even though doing so could cut already tight American blood donations by 6 percent.

America’s Blood Centers, whose blood banks collect the other half of the nation’s supply, says the new restriction could be devastating. “We could lose 25 percent of New York City’s blood supply,” spokeswoman Melissa McMillan told USA Today Wednesday. Blood donations are decreasing by 1 percent a year, while demand is increasing at the same rate. If the FDA rejects the proposed ban, “whether we will come up with additional safety nets or be more stringent, that is something that we will be deciding very quickly after this meeting,” Healy explains. “We are not going in with our policy officially changed yet.”



## UK Blood Donor Ban

April 5, 2001, Australia—Scientists want to extend a blood donation ban to prevent the possible transmission of mad cow disease. Anyone who has spent more than six months in the United Kingdom are banned from donating blood.

The National Health and Medical Research Council want the ban to continue until more is known about Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, the human variant of mad cow disease. Although the recommendation is cautious as there isn’t a known case caused by transfusion, Australia cannot afford to take any chances. [www.abc.net.au/news/newslink/nat/newsnat](http://www.abc.net.au/news/newslink/nat/newsnat)

## 300 Animals are Facing Extermination to Control Chronic Wasting Disease

April 5, 2001—300 deer in northeastern Colorado are to be killed on Monday in an effort to control chronic wasting disease, a fatal mad-cowlike brain disease infecting them. No deer in other parts of Colorado appear to have the illness, but between 1 percent and 15 percent of the herds are infected in certain areas along both sides of the Colorado-Wyoming border.

A hunt in the area in January and February had 19 of 206 deer killed testing positive for the disease. Biologists will concentrate the current kill along the northern tier of Colorado counties from US 287 on the west to the Nebraska border and north of the South Platte River Valley.

There is no evidence that the disease spreads to humans, but, as a precaution, wildlife experts urge hunters not to eat diseased animals. The deer kill is aimed at thinning the herds in hope it will reduce the spread of the disease. The illness has been found in only two elk in the past four years, and elk will not be included in the hunt. Chronic wasting disease belongs to a family of diseases called transmissible **spongiform encephalopathies, which include mad-cow disease, a sheep illness called scrapie, and a human brain-wasting illness called Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease.**

## Yellowstone Vexed by Disappearing Antelope

April 4, 2001—A mystery is building in Yellowstone National Park, and the central figure in the puzzle is one with dark horns, a goat-like shape, and Maserati speed—the pronghorn antelope.

Inexplicably, the herd at America's first national park is dwindling, even as biologists deploy sleuthing methods to figure out what's causing the decline. In fact, the pronghorn is in more peril of extinction than any other species in Yellowstone. Last year's count tallied only 209 pronghorn in the herd, down from nearly 600 about 10 years ago. [www.csmonitor.com](http://www.csmonitor.com)


## Queen, Pope Blamed for Foot & Mouth Disease


LONDON, (*CWNews.com*)—Britain is being plagued by foot-and-mouth disease, floods, and train crashes because Queen Elizabeth has been consorting with Catholics, according to the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland, which has alerted Buckingham Palace to her role in the catastrophes.


The church, popularly known as the *Wee Wee Frees*, claims Britain has suffered a series of Old Testament-style plagues and curses since October when the Queen traveled to the Vatican and met Pope John Paul II.

In a letter to Buckingham Palace, John MacLeod, clerk to the Outer Isles Presbytery in Stornoway, said: "Since Your Majesty's visit to the Vatican, our nation has passed through difficult times and, for our part, we cannot but see the hand of God, for instance, in the floods that have caused so much distress in the areas affected, in the train crashes and the lives lost as a result of them, and not least, the present epidemic of foot-and-mouth disease with so many animals slaughtered."

A Buckingham Palace spokesman told today's Times: "The Queen's meeting with the Pope has been extremely well received with much positive comment from a wide range of opinion. However, the Queen listens carefully to all approaches made by individuals and groups and, if appropriate, would forward views on to Government for consideration."

 *Ecclesiastical Megalomania* Dear Brother Pippenger, I wish very much I had some funds to send to you, but that is not possible at the present time. This is just a note to let you know how much I appreciate the two-tape interview you did with John W. Robbins. Having read his excellent book, I was very interested to hear the interview. In my opinion, he is a plain spoken, honest, and humble man—a rarity in this day and age. (That is, by the way, how I also perceive you—no flattery implied or intended.) Sincerely, K.H.—CO

 *Future for America*, I want to thank you so much for the interview tape of yourself and the Presbyterian and to continue getting your newsletter and tapes. I'm enclosing a check dated for March 3, as I want to be sure I have money in my account. After I pay my obligations I run out of funds before the end of the month on my Social Security check. Sincerely, S.F.O.—CA


 Dear Brother Jeff, Thank you so much for the tapes and material you send each month. I enjoy it all, but must confess that some of it overwhelms me. I do appreciate your intelligence though. I would like for you to send me another one of your tapes on *Miller's Dream*. I was right in the middle of it and drinking every word you said,




when low and behold, my tape player started eating it up. Please, please send me another. It was so interesting. I just have to hear the rest of it.

Also, your last tape *Ecclesiastical Megalomania* was almost unbelievable. I hope you don't mind, but I made a copy and gave it to my pastor. I also plane to give one to my sister and to a friend. There are a lot more people I want to give to, but they won't accept anything that doesn't come out of the Conference.

I know God is blessing you and you are always in my prayers. E.and E.


 *Future for America*, Thank you for sending *Ecclesiastical Megalomania*. I had the book before. I loaned it and will again. I have never been able to do unlimited reading. I'm a little bit like EGW. I fell, hard, against the curved iron leg of a school desk when I was five. Horn glasses since nine. Assorted other problems. But I'm still going, but slower. I'm 84 now.

Do you know where I read "We will change leaders and not know we have do so." Had to buy a copier to peddle my information. Can't get much else, thank you. D.P.

 Dear Jeff, In your last newsletter (February 2001) you said George Reid said there is no danger of Sunday law legislation. Are you sure you got that right? Wouldn't he be Ed's brother who wrote *Sunday's Coming* and *Even at the Door*? Maybe you misquoted him?


I enjoyed your two tapes interviewing John Robbins. I assume he is not an Adventist. Is he now that you've talked to him? Funny, Adventists are now afraid to say anything and others are taking up the call. Dave Hunt is so very open about Catholics; unfortunately, he's against us too! Well, I guess that's all. Thanks and keep up the good work. J.P.

**Response: That was not a misquote. In fact it was because Reid made that statement that we included the article. I do not know of his relation, if any with the author of *Sunday's Coming*.**

 Brother Pippenger, Praise God for your newsletter and tape that I have been receiving from you. Keep them coming. They touch my heart. I am enclosing the addresses of two friends of mine who would love to start receiving your newsletters. Please add them to your list.

I will continue to help your ministry when I can. Also on tape JR 23 with John Robbins I love the music by Gavin Dagg. Where can I get some of his music? Please let me know. In Christ, S.

Response: I do not know how to contact Brother Galvin. He attended one of our meetings in Australia and sang that song. When he finished I asked if he would sing it again at the end of the meeting so I could record it and he agreed. He never signed our mailing list, so all I know is he is somewhere in Australia.


 Dear Brother Jeff Pippenger, I am sending this letter for a prayer request. I am requesting that you pray for my younger brother, who is dependent of narcotics; a nephew, who wants to live an independent life and is not in contact with his mother and all the Adventist youth.

My brother has been drug dependent for many years. I pray that he is willing to come to the Lord for healing and that he will ask for help. My family has been praying all along. I am reaching out to other prayer groups as our Lord is soon to return and I would like for my family to unite and be transformed when his Holy Angels gather his saints.

My nephew is 18 years old. He has moved out of his mom's home at the age of 17, thinking that his independence was owed at that age. He lives about 30 miles from his mom. My sister is concerned about his well being and would like to have better contact with her son. I request that this young man does not forget his Christian upbringing. I pray that he is giving his testimony to those around him.

My third request is to pray for God's youth in the church, as the devil is aiming hard to tear them down. He has the secular youth, which he is not concerned. It's our youth, who want to live in the truth and be an example to those around them, is whom he wants.

I would like to add two other families on your cassette list. I do thank you for your time and prayers. May God bless your ministry. E.S.

 Dear Mr. And Mrs. Pippenger, We wanted to extend our thanks for your gracious gifts for our spiritual growth. The tapes recorded by Glenn will be a blessing to all that see them, we're sure. Plans change and C. didn't

go to Bolivia as she had hoped. Yet we still plan on sharing those tapes with as many as we can.

Surely we stand on the edges of time eternal, and these gifts bring so much light to Daniel and Revelation. A true revival and reformation. I ask for your prayers that God will help me understand these important tapes.

Many events are passing; pieces are coming together just as Jesus wants them to. We thank you again and extend our strongest prayers and blessings to your family and ministry. Dios los bendiga, C.R.



*Future for America*, Recently I've become acquainted with your publication about end time issues.

I would like to subscribe and would appreciate it if you would tell me how much a subscription is. I would like to have a copy of November 2000 if possible. I'm using the article about Mesa for my superintendent remarks in Sabbath school.

Thank you very much. I'm so glad you are concerned about last day events and I'm sure you are a great blessing to many of us who are looking forward to that Great Day. Sincerely, G.K.—Ontario



*Future for America*, Thanks and praise God for people like you. It is comforting to know that God

has people out there like you. Keeping us informed about things that are happening around the world. Just to know that there are people warning us of the soon coming of our Lord and teaching us that the Spirit of Prophecy books are still our guide with Bible for our time.



Hi Kathy, Here's my check of the *Study Bible*, and money for support of your ministry. I enjoyed

talking with you today, and I am praying for you and Jeff and your work for the Lord. I have been blessed by the monthly tapes, as I have not been a real Bible student, as I should be. *The Judgment of the Living* series has been a real wake up call for me. The Lord used one thing Jeff said to help me realize I have things yet in my life to let go of. Thank you!

I know by now your electrical power will have been restored, but for next time, I'm sending a lamp wick—a gift from me to you! May God bless and keep you and Jeff in your service for Him. In Christian Love, V.



Dear Brother and Sister, Enclosed is money. May God be with you, as He will be returning

soon. We are ready and trying to see that all will be given a fair share to accept or refuse. We pray we may give the right impressions that we won't be stumbling blocks for anyone. J.C.Y.



Dear Brother Jeff, Thank you so much for your ministry. The tapes and newsletter are a blessing

to me. I wish I were working to send you more. God bless you and your ministry. Your Sister in Christ, E. F.



Dear Sir, Thank you for your wonderful messages. Please continue sending cassettes. Also

please pray for me and my daughter and grandson that we will be able to stand firm in the faith. This money I hope will increase in the future. Sincerely, G.J.—NM



To the Pippengers, I enjoyed the visit with you on the phone February 21. This check is to pay

that invoice and put the rest of it on your phone bill.

I have thought of writing you some of my thoughts on the Bible prophecies and I may one of these days. Remember this people get denominational ideas and they will not open their minds to what God has in His word, that is the way the Jew's were at Christ's time. They had is all set one way, and God let them believe it even the disciples, Luke 24:45. Then opened be their understanding. That is one of the things we have to pray for, that God will guide us and give us the understanding of the present truth that is for our day. Not letting us get bogged down in tradition, that is why Sister White said there is much more to learn in Daniel and Revelation. Is anything-new coming out in the denomination (SDA) since her time? 1 Thessalonians 5:21 "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." I have to close for now. Your Brother in Christ, A.N.—OK



Thank you so much for your timely messages. They have been a blessing to many others and us. May

God bless your ministry. Sincerely, W.S.—CA



Dear Brother Pippenger, First of all I must thank you so much for your presentation you had at

Pugwash, Nova Scotia in August. I was on the edge of my seat each meeting as I listened to your presentation. I believe that God is leading in what you are doing and I am praying for you and your wife and team of helpers.

Two weeks after camp meeting, my husband and I moved from Nova Scotia to Pennsylvania. All of your material was mailed to my parent's home in Nova Scotia. My mother has forwarded some of the tapes to me. (I will get the bulk of the material when I return in July for a month).

The four tapes I have received so far are wonderful. You have not said anything I have not really understood with all the reading I have done, but you have made it so much clearer. I ask that you change my address and update my email.

I want to pass on the tapes to everyone who is interested. If you are ever in our area please let us know. I have enclosed a check for you ministry and I plan to send money regularly. I am sorry that I am unable to send more at the moment.

May God continue to bless you and give you all you need to accomplish His plan for your services for His honor and glory. Your Sister in Faith, J.S.—PA



Dear Staff, Looking through the January 2001 issue of *Future News*: Lots of good information. So much is going on in my life I have to make time to read and listen to the important things of this life. But thank God Jesus is true to His word that those who seek Him diligently will find Him. The school system is so blind and perverted. They will allow our kids to be exposed to anything and everything. Digimon, Pokemon, Power Rangers, Teletubbies, Mysticism, Harry Potter and the like can be made to look so innocent and appealing to our children that they get caught up in the danger before we know what happened, if we are not careful and keep our guard up. Satan never makes a frontal assault, he always attacks our flanks like hungry piranha taking repeated bite time after time until there is nothing left. Please send me two copies of your *Pokemon and Harry Potter* books. I have a son in middle school and he is being exposed to the Harry Potter madness and I would like additional information on my side. Enclosed is money for the expenses. Thank you and God bless you all. Yours in Christ, K.D.—SC



*Future for America*, Thank you for all your information that you have spent time on researching. Thanks for the letter and the tape. We can share this information. A.N.



Dear *Future for America*, Thank you for the tapes and the newsletter. Thank you also for the *Country Living* tapes by Tico Restrepo, you sent me a while back. I have meant to communicate with you before and it seems that the press of daily business has kept me from acting on my intentions. There are some other things that I want to go into but because of time constraints (I'm writing and sending this before I go to work) I will go into them later.

Enclosed is some money to help with the ministry and may God continue to bless you all and your efforts for Him. Sincerely Yours, D.B.—FL

## **Oppose FDA's New Regulations on Genetically Engineered Food**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has recently announced new rules and guidance on genetically engineered (GE) foods. Unfortunately, despite overwhelming consumer demand, the agency has still failed to require safety testing and mandatory labeling for GE foods. Instead of mandating safety testing, the FDA's new rule merely requires that food producers notify the agency before marketing a GE food.

There is strong scientific evidence of numerous potential health and environmental risks to GE foods. These foods could be toxic, could cause allergic responses, could have lower nutrition value and could compromise immune responses in consumers. Under FDA's new notification rule, GE foods will reach supermarket shelves without any required testing for these human health problems, much less any review of their environmental risks. As a result, millions of consumers will continue to be unknowing guinea pigs testing the safety of these foods.

This is totally unacceptable! As for labeling, the FDA has decided to make all labeling of GE foods voluntary. Not surprisingly, no GE food producer has agreed to label their products. So consumers still will have no way of knowing which foods have been genetically engineered.

This voluntary labeling scheme not only violates the consumer's right to know, it also has health consequences. Without labeling, neither consumers nor health professionals will know if an allergic or toxic reaction was the result of a genetically engineered food. Consumers will also be deprived of the critical knowledge they need to hold food producers liable should any of these novel foods prove hazardous. The Center for Food Safety, [www.foodsafetynow.org/send.asp?cam](http://www.foodsafetynow.org/send.asp?cam) March 22, 2001.



## Kellogg's Food Tests Positive for Banned Genetically Modified Corn

Laboratory testing has revealed that a *Kellogg's* product is made with *StarLink* corn, a genetically altered variety that is not approved for human consumption. In laboratory analyses, *Kellogg's Morningstar Farms* brand meat-free Corn Dog tested positive for *StarLink*, and the corn dog and two other products tested positive for genetically altered soy.

Greenpeace filed notice with the Food and Drug Administration calling on the agency to order an immediate recall and health investigation of the *Morningstar* product.

"*Kellogg's* is selling genetically contaminated *Morningstar Farms* food and lying to consumers about it," said Charles Margulis, Greenpeace Genetic Engineering Specialist. "Americans have asked *Kellogg's* over and over to stop this genetic experiment on our food, yet *Kellogg's* refuses to listen and tries to mislead consumers. No one should trust the *Kellogg's* or *Morningstar* names again."

Last October, *Kellogg's* was forced to stop production at a Memphis plant due to concerns about *StarLink* contamination, but the company claimed that no food products were affected. At the time, *Kellogg's* refused to respond to a Greenpeace survey asking about *StarLink* or other genetically engineered ingredients in its products.

After its 1999 purchase of *Worthington Foods*, the original maker of *Morningstar Farms* products, *Kellogg's* began telling consumers that *Morningstar* products would be made with non-GE soy.

In a letter dated August 15, 2000, *Kellogg's* told a consumer: "We are in the final stages of our conversion to non-genetically modified proteins." An e-mail from *Kellogg's* to a consumer dated October 5, 2000 claims:

"We have completed conversion to non-genetically modified soy proteins in all *Morningstar Farms*, *Worthington*, *Natural Touch* and *Loma Linda* products. We are currently purchasing all non-genetically modified soy proteins and have been using these in production since April 1, 2000."

However, the lab tests on *Morningstar* products bought just last month show that more than 50% of the soy in the Corn Dog is genetically engineered, while *Morningstar Veggie Patties* and *Harvest Burgers* contained detectable amounts of the gene altered crop. Subsequent letters from *Kellogg's* to consumers admit that *Harvest Burgers* still contain genetically modified soy.

In other letters about its cereals and other products, *Kellogg's* admits to American consumers that its US products are "likely" to be made with genetically modified grain.

But a *Kellogg's* letter to British consumers claims that *Kellogg's* "does not use genetically modified maize or soya ingredients or derivatives." in any of its European products.

"Americans are shopping in the dark when they buy *Morningstar Farms* products," said Liza Pengelly, a concerned *Morningstar Farms* consumer in the San Francisco Bay Area. "Genetically tainted foods aren't labeled, and I can't trust *Kellogg's*. I won't buy these products until *Kellogg's* stops using all gene altered ingredients," she continued. *The True Food Network*, [www.truefoodnow.org](http://www.truefoodnow.org)