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A SETTLED BELIEF

“God has permitted a flood of light to be poured upon the world in both science and art; but when professedly scientific men treat upon these subjects from a merely human point of view, they will assuredly come to wrong conclusions. It may be innocent to speculate beyond what God’s word has revealed, if our theories do not contradict facts found in the Scriptures; but those who leave the word of God, and seek to account for His created works upon scientific principles, are drifting without chart or compass upon an unknown ocean. The greatest minds, if not guided by the word of God in their research, become bewildered in their attempts to trace the relations of science and revelation. Because the Creator and His works are so far beyond their comprehension that they are unable to explain them by natural laws, they regard Bible history as unreliable. Those who doubt the reliability of the records of the Old and New Testaments, will be led to go a step further, and doubt the existence of God; and then, having lost their anchor, they are left to beat about upon the rocks of infidelity.

“These persons have lost the simplicity of faith. There should be a settled belief in the divine authority of God’s Holy Word. The Bible is not to be tested by men’s ideas of science. Human knowledge is an unreliable guide. Skeptics who read the Bible for the sake of caviling, may, through an imperfect comprehension of either science or revelation, claim to find contradictions between them; but rightly understood, they are in perfect harmony. Moses wrote under the guidance of the Spirit of God, and a correct theory of geology will never claim discoveries that cannot be reconciled with his statements. All truth, whether in nature or in revelation, is consistent with itself in all its manifestations.

“In the word of God many queries are raised that the most profound scholars can never answer. Attention is called to these subjects to show us how much there is, even among the common things of everyday life, that finite minds, with all their boasted wisdom, can never fully understand.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 113–114

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MINISTRY UPDATE

“To him who is content to receive without deserving, who feels that he can never recompense such love, who lays all doubt and unbelief aside, and comes as a little child to the feet of Jesus, all the treasures of eternal love are a free, everlasting gift.” *Signs of the Times*, February 28, 1906.

I leave today for ten days of meetings in Chicago with the Spanish brethren. The Sabbath after I return we then travel to Virginia to share with the brethren at the Amicus Seventh-day Adventist Church. The beginning of August we travel to California for meetings, and this fall we travel to South America. We solicit your prayers for these meetings and the other work that takes place in this ministry.

We are pulling together our plans for the January Philippines series, and are seeking how we can contribute to Vic Gill’s work this August in the Ukraine. Please add these plans to your prayer list as well.

We recently promoted the *London 2000* series and have since found that one of the final audio tape presentations is virtually empty. It is the second presentation on the “daily”. We are communicating with our friends in London to see if they still have the presentation on tape, so we might get a copy. If you are one of those who ordered this series, you will, of course, realize this problem soon enough. We will let you know if we find the second presentation as soon as possible.

After the postage went up January 1, we realized we needed to adjust our “postage” charge. We initially set the formula at three dollars, plus fifteen percent. We have now mailed enough items to believe that one dollar, plus fifteen percent will cover our expenses. This is our new postage formula, as of June 2001. Thank you.

I received a very gracious letter of explanation from George W. Reid from the Seventh-day Adventist Biblical Research Institute clarifying a passage in a previous news letter where he was quoted in newspaper in Des Moines, Iowa as saying that there is “no danger of Sunday laws”. The reporter who wrote the article only used part of his statement which was: “At the moment we see **no danger of Sunday laws**, however, we believe a change will come in the future”. We apologize for furthering this misrepresentation. His letter also clarified that he is not the author of *Sundays Coming*, and *Ready or Not*. That author is Ed Reid, the Stewardship Director of the North American división. They are not related.

Although we have had a very good response for the two presentations we sent out from the London series, I have also received some well intended and heartfelt criticism about how I presented the material. I have listened and appreciate the concern.

“Godliness, which the gospel enjoins, never bears briars and thorns, never—because all do not see exactly alike—breaks the closest links of association, dividing those who have been one in faith, one in heart, in their relationship. But a difference in the application of some few scriptural passages makes men forget their religious principles. Elements become banded together, exciting one another through the human passions to withstand in a harsh, denunciatory manner everything that does not meet their ideas. This is not Christian, but is of another spirit.

“And Satan is doing his utmost to have those who believe present truth deceived on this point, for he has laid his snare to overcome them, that those who have accepted unpopular truth, who have had great light and great privileges, shall have the spirit that will pervade the world. Even if it is in a less degree, yet it is the same principle that when it has a controlling power over minds, leads to certain results. There is pride of opinion, a stubbornness that shuts the soul away from good and from God. Warnings have been scorned, grace resisted, privileges abused, conviction smothered, and the pride of the human heart strengthened. The result is the same as with the Jews—fatal hardness of heart. It is not safe for the soul to rise up against the messages of God. All who are handling sacred truth are only mortal men.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 16, 241.



Dear Brother Pippenger,

Thank you for being so prompt in sending the tapes I requested. I very much regret that I cannot send more than the exact cost right now, but such is the case. These tapes are messages that *every* Seventh-day Adventist ought to hear. I received them yesterday, Sabbath, and began listening to them right away. I'm through tape 8 (I skipped #7 because I had already listened to that one several times, as that was the one you sent that inspired me to order the rest). Brother Pippenger, you mentioned that some people say your English needs improvement, but I do not think that inhibits the Lord at all, because these are the most powerful messages I have ever heard, perhaps ever before. I had never heard you speak publicly before and you have a powerful presentation. If it is available, will you send me the printout you mentioned people should read on Daniel 11?

I follow your train of thought on Daniel 11:40-41 and find that I am choosing to believe it. The Lord is impressing me, as never before, with the urgency of the times in which we live. I wonder how anyone can protest your Daniel 11 message, because it does not inspire anyone toward fanaticism nor lead anyone astray in any other ways, but it leads rather toward an awakening and *preparation*. Why would anyone want to bicker about such a powerful preparation message? Other than our obvious prophetic message, I cannot say I have been a true student of prophecy, and I have not read Uriah Smith's book on Daniel and Revelation. If, in Sister' White's time, the brethren had come up with other conclusions that were sanctioned by the Spirit through her, then I could understand an objection to your message.

I am finding the whole series extremely valuable. Thank you for initially sending me tape 7, or I would have never heard the others. May God continue to bless you and your wife in your ministry for Him. Sincerely, KH, CO



Brother Pippenger,

I have been enjoying your paper and its information and thus far the tapes. However your last tape; #8 of the London series gave me a concern to ask for no more tapes or papers. No argument with the content, but the strident tone and dogmatic presentation was unacceptable. This does not speak to me of the Spirit of Christ. "We meet with men of the same spirit today, who are blinded by error, and yet flatter themselves that they are right, and all that differ from them are wrong." *Signs of the Times*, June 8, 1882. Therefore please remove me from your mailing list. Sincerely, W.C.-TN

"Our God has heaven and earth at His command, and He knows just what we need. We can see only a little way before us; 'but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.' Hebrews 4:13. Above the distractions of the earth He sits enthroned; all things are open to His divine survey; and from His great and calm eternity He orders that which His providence sees best." *Testimonies*, volume 8, 272.



Hey Jeff,

I know you are gone right now, but maybe you are back already. What exactly did Ellen White mean in *Testimonies to Ministers*, 55, when she says, "they are to be met and opposed."? Is this giving us license, so to speak, to go to the pastor, or whoever it is that is teaching error and correct them? Or does it mean to just preach the truth in love and that in itself will oppose the erroneous teachers, without doing it directly? Thanks for your help. Sincerely, EF P.S. Your tapes have been really helpful. I am listening to *The Judgment of the Living* series. Praise the lord!!!

"We are not to sit in calm expectancy of oppression and tribulation, and fold our hands, doing nothing to avert the evil. Let our united cries be sent up to heaven. Pray and work, and work and pray. But let none act rashly. Learn as never before that you must be meek and lowly in heart. You must not bring a railing accusation against any, whether individuals or churches. Learn to deal with minds as Christ did. Sharp things must sometimes be spoken; but be sure that the Holy Spirit of God is abiding in your heart before you speak the clear-cut truth; then let it cut its way. You are not to do the cutting." *Selected Messages*, book 2, 370.



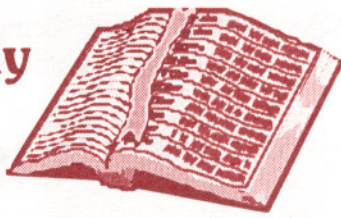
Future for America,

I am studying Revelation 10 and am looking at verse one, where the rainbow is around it's head. Also in chapter four, this rainbow is around the throne in heaven. I have studied the different meanings of this rainbow, and my last point is the rainbow represents the righteousness of Christ. This is what Sister White has to say in *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 5, 1133. "Whenever the law is presented before the people, let the teacher of truth point to the throne arched with the rainbow of promise, the righteousness of Christ." What text in the Bible can I use in harmony with this statement about the rainbow representing the righteousness of Christ? I ask this just in case I wind up presenting this to someone who isn't quite sold on Ellen White, or just flat out ask me to give it to them from the Bible. Hopefully you can help me here. Thanks for taking the time to read this, and God bless. E.

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And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. And God said, This *is* the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: And I will remember my covenant, which *is* between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, This *is* the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that *is* upon the earth. Genesis 9:11-17.

The rainbow is a "token" or sign of God's covenant. The covenant is a promise of essentially three things. A land to live in-the earth made new; a glorious body-at the resurrection; and a righteous mind-at conversion when we receive "the mind of Christ". Our assurance and hope for these three things are symbolized by the rainbow. These three things are a certainty because of His word. They are secured through our assimilation of His promises, which is also His word, which is also symbolized by the rainbow.

The rainbow therefore represents all the covenant promises, which bring righteousness to those who accept them. If I had to share this truth from strictly the Bible, this is the line I would pursue.

And saying, Where is **the promise** of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that **by the word of God** the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: **Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:** But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by **the same word** are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. *Seeing then that* all these things shall be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy**

conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, **according to his promise**, look for **new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness**. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 2 Peter 3:414..

Our Little Vatican

Concerning the dedication of the new Pope John Paul Cultural Center, Pope John Paul II was quoted as stating—**“We will come to view this as our little Vatican in the United States.”** *The Review Tribune*, **March 23, 2001.**

Quote: Ulysses S. Grant: “Leave the matter of religion to the family altar, the church, and the private school supported entirely by private contributions.”

Back to 1984?

In George Orwell’s famous novel about a futuristic totalitarian society, *doublespeak* is the language of public life. War means peace and peace means war.

The George W. Bush Administration’s discussion of its newly created *Office of Faith-Based Initiatives* sounds a lot like doublespeak. “Faith” does not mean “religion.” At least that’s the official administration position, repeated in countless sound bites. The administration denies that they want to pay for proselytizing or other religious activities. “We’re paying for social services, not religion,” they repeat mantra-like.

The easy availability of huge amounts of government funds distorts the mission of the church. Churches are enticed to follow the priorities of the state instead of the will of God.

Providing funds to faith-based social service programs that work may sound innocent enough, but in practice, it leads to inequality and discrimination against smaller religious groups. This inequality means that some religious messages will be government-endorsed and favored. This inherently reduces freedom.

In Europe, state funding of religion has destroyed the spiritual vitality of the churches. People stop giving in the offering plate because they already gave to the tax man who now pays for the church. The new *Office of Faith-Based Initiatives* is a dangerous step in that direction.

Inevitably, we have no religious freedom if we don’t know what “religion” is. If all “faith-based” efforts to help people are considered secular, then the state has now collapsed the separate sphere of religion that is entitled to any freedom of protection at all. At that point, “faith-based” programs become merely another cog in the wheels of the government bureaucracy and will be valued and respected accordingly. *Pacific Union Recorder*, March 2001.

Quote: James Madison: “Religion is not in the purview of human government. Religion is essentially distinct from government and exempt from its cognizance. A connection between them is injurious to both.”

Past Faith-based Fiascoes Make Modern Doubts

As much as President Bush likes the idea of “faith-based” social service programs, religious and political leaders have strong doubts about it, and though the plan is slowly moving forward in Congress, bipartisan congressional support seems to be dissolving. Also, there has been little, if any, research done to verify the beneficial results of such efforts, and the failures of attempts in the distant and recent past are now coming to light.

In Bush’s first address to a joint session of Congress February 27, he singled out the mayor of Philadelphia for praise because of his role in implementing a citywide “faith-based” program. Unfortunately, the same program was rocked by controversy less than two weeks later when it was discovered that the pastor leading the program had been charged with felony theft by a grand jury. Similar projects in Wilmington, Delaware, Niagara Falls, New York and even



European Churches Adopt Ecumenical Charter

Geneva, Switzerland *Adventist News Network*—The Conference of European Churches and the Council of European Bishops' Conferences adopted an historic charter April 22, committing themselves to future dialogue, cooperation, and to specific "ecumenical responsibilities." The document, entitled *Charter Oecumenica*, represents an agreement between the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church, many Protestant churches, and the Anglican Church in Europe.

And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. Revelation 13:3.



French Senate Approves Controversial Religion Law

Paris, France *Adventist News Network*—The French Senate voted May 3 in favor of a controversial law aimed at regulating religious minorities. The so-called "anti-sect law" has attracted criticism from human rights organizations, religious groups, and more than 50 members of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly.

The law may encourage and, in some ways, legalize discrimination against religious minorities in France, says John Graz, public affairs and religious liberty director for the Seventh-day Adventist Church worldwide.

"It is very dangerous to create special legislation aimed at only some religious groups," he says. "A democratic society should be especially sensitive to legislation that may result in new means for discriminating against minorities."

"It is unnecessary to create a special category of religious offenses," adds Graz. "Present legislation in France is sufficient to protect people from those who use religion to manipulate and oppress others. We do not need new legislation in order to punish the murderer, to stop the dealer, or to neutralize abuse."

He says some provisions of the proposed law are vaguely worded, increasing the potential for inconsistent or discriminatory enforcement.

Under the anti-sect law, judges could impose penalties or dissolve religious organizations that engage in "physical or psychological subjection" or which undertake serious and repeated "judgment-altering techniques."

The Adventist Church is not on the list of 173 "suspect religions" identified in a 1996 government-sponsored report on religious groups in France, says Graz. "But our commitment to religious liberty and freedom of conscience means that we, as a church, cannot be silent on this issue," he adds.

If the National Assembly approves the legislation, France will be the only Western European country with a law regulating religious minorities.

Quote: John Wesley: "Let every one enjoy the full and free liberty of thinking for himself. If you cannot reason or persuade a man into the truth, never attempt to force a man into it."



Presbyterians Searching for Unity with Rome

Fifteen delegates from the Presbyterian Church USA traveled to the Vatican in late March for three days of meetings with Catholic officials. The talks concluded with a private audience with Pope John Paul II. At the end of the conference, they issued a joint statement pledging to work toward an agreement on the doctrine of justification, mutual recognition of baptisms, and the lifting of the mutual condemnations that stem back to the Reformation. In dialogues that began last year, the Presbyterian Church USA is attempting to come to an agreement with Rome over the office of the papacy. *The Christian News*, May 21, 2001.

"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. She is silently growing into power. Her doctrines are exerting their influence in legislative halls, in the churches, and in the hearts of men. She is piling up her lofty and massive structures in the secret recesses of which her former persecutions will be repeated. Stealthily and unsuspectedly she is

strengthening her forces to further her own ends when the time shall come for her to strike. All that she desires is vantage ground, and this is already being given her. We shall soon see and shall feel what the purpose of the Roman element is. Whoever shall believe and obey the word of God will thereby incur reproach and persecution." *The Great Controversy*, 581.

⌚ In Greece, Pope Salves Old Wounds

Washington Post, May 5, 2001-Seeking to heal centuries-old grievances, Pope John Paul II **apologized** today for Roman Catholic sins of "action or omission" against Orthodox Christians that he said have left lasting emotional **wounds** and contributed to a long split between two great streams of Christianity.

Reaching out to leaders of the Greek Orthodox Church who last year had refused to see him, the pope said he hoped his words would help mend Christian divisions that have long helped separate parts of Europe. They are, he said, "a sin before God and a scandal before the world."

John Paul went on to offer "deep regret" for the sacking by Catholic crusaders of the ancient city of Constantinople, now Istanbul, in the year 1204, an event that still rankles in the Orthodox world. "To God alone belongs judgment, and therefore we entrust the heavy burden of the past to his endless mercy," the pontiff said in the first such **apology** a leader of the Catholic Church has offered in 800 years.

His public remarks brought a measure of relief to the Greek government, which had invited the pope here over initial opposition by the Orthodox Church. Conservative adherents of the Orthodox faith staged street protests this week, and the church-which was tipped off early by the Vatican-worked to avert wider unrest by selectively disclosing **the plan for an apology** to various leaders.

"The Orthodox Church of Greece is very satisfied," said Haris Konidaris, a spokesman for the Greek archbishop. "This gesture of love he did . . . is very helpful. **It will help heal** one thousand years of mistrust between the two churches and create the possibility for new dialogue."

"The Roman Church now presents a fair front to the world, **covering with apologies** her record of horrible cruelties. She has clothed herself in Christlike garments; but she is unchanged. Every principle of the papacy that existed in past ages exists today. The doctrines devised in the darkest ages are still held. Let none deceive themselves. The papacy that Protestants are now so ready to honor is the same that ruled the world in the days of the Reformation, when men of God stood up, at the peril of their lives, to expose her iniquity. She possesses the same pride and arrogant assumption that lorded it over kings and princes, and claimed the prerogatives of God. Her spirit is no less cruel and despotic now than when she crushed out human liberty and slew the saints of the Most High.

"The papacy is just what prophecy declared that she would be, the apostasy of the latter times. 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4. It is a part of her policy **to assume the character which will best accomplish her purpose**; but beneath the variable appearance of the chameleon she conceals the invariable venom of the serpent. 'aith ought not to be kept with heretics, nor persons suspected of heresy' (*Lenfant*, volume 1, page 516), she declares. Shall this power, whose record for a thousand years is written in the blood of the saints, be now acknowledged as a part of the church of Christ?" *the Great Controversy*, 571.

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ADRA Achieves Major Milestone with United Nations

Silver Spring, Maryland-On May 16, 2001, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency International (ADRA) achieved a major milestone in the continuation of general consultative status as granted by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 1997. The United Nations (UN) Committee on Non-governmental Organizations officially noted ADRA's quadrennial report.

Every four years, non-governmental organizations (NGO) with general status must document how their activities support the work of the UN.

A positive report contributes to continuation of general consultative status, which is granted to organizations involved closely with many of the Council's activities. NGOs with consultative status may sit as observers at public meetings of ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies. These organizations also can submit items for the ECOSOC agenda and can ask to make oral statements. In addition, this status allows consultation with the UN's Secretariat on matters of mutual concern. ADRA's designated official representatives have access to UN headquarters in New York and to the UN offices in Geneva and Vienna. *SDANEWS*.

“There is to be no compromise with those who make void the law of God. It is not safe to rely upon them as counselors. Our testimony is not to be less decided now than formerly; our real position is not to be cloaked in order to please **the world's great men**. They may desire us to unite with them and accept their plans, and may make propositions in regard to our course of action which may give the enemy an advantage over us. ‘Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy’ Isaiah 8:12. While we should not seek for controversy, and should not needlessly offend, we must present the truth clearly and decidedly, and stand firm to what God has taught us in His Word. **You are not to look to the world in order to learn what you shall write and publish or what you shall speak.** Let all your words and works testify, ‘We have not followed cunningly devised fables’ 2 Peter 1:16. ‘We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place’ 2 Peter 1:19.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 371.



Social Security Surplus Dwarfed by Projected Deficits

Social Security Administration sources show a projected cash surplus of \$1.1 trillion, and, counting interest on trust-fund assets up to the year 2015, up to \$3.8 trillion. However, from 2016 to 2075 projected deficits amount to \$22.2 trillion. *The Concord Courier*, Volume 1, Spring 2001.

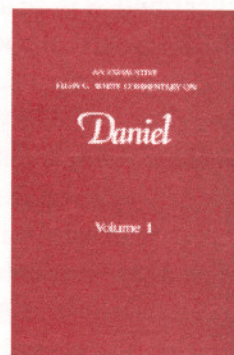
“There are not many, even among educators and statesmen, who comprehend the causes that underlie the present state of society. Those who hold the reins of government are not able to solve the problem of moral corruption, poverty, pauperism, and increasing crime. They are struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis. If men would give more heed to the teaching of God's word, they would find a solution of the problems that perplex them.

“The Scriptures describe the condition of the world just before Christ's second coming. Of the men who by robbery and extortion are amassing great riches, it is written: ‘Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.’ James 5:36.

“But who reads the warnings given by the fast-fulfilling signs of the times? What impression is made upon worldlings? What change is seen in their attitude? No more than was seen in the attitude of the inhabitants of the Noachian world. Absorbed in worldly business and pleasure, the antediluvians ‘knew not until the Flood came, and took them all away.’ Matthew 24:39. They had heaven-sent warnings, but they refused to listen. And today the world, utterly regardless of the warning voice of God, is hurrying on to eternal ruin.

“The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place.” *Testimonies*, volume 9, 14.

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HIV Carriers in Russia to hit 1 Million by end of Year

May 5, 2001 MOSCOW-The number of HIV-infected persons in Russia will top one million by the end of 2001. By the end of 2000, there were 500,000 HIV-carriers reported in Russia, among them over 50,000 in Moscow and the Moscow region. By now, HIV cases have been registered in 86 of Russia's regions. There are more men among HIV carriers than women, and 60 percent of the patients are aged from 20 to 30. By April 1, 2001, the rate of HIV spread came to 70.8 persons per 100,000, while five years ago this index was only 0.6. *Quickening News*.

Australian's Death May be Linked to Mad Cow

May 13, 2001 Sydney-Health authorities are testing the remains of a 74-year-old Australian man said to have shown symptoms of the brain-wasting illness linked to mad cow disease. The man, who was not identified, died March 30 after months of unusual behavior that doctors told his family may have been symptoms of variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. *Quickening News*.

Charles Colson Praises Richard John Neuhaus

Speaking recently on his radio program *Breakpoint*, Charles Colson, the most effective American propagandist for the Romanist religion, said, “Seven years ago my friend Richard Neuhaus lay near death. Doctors told him a few months before that he had intestinal cancer. Surgery to remove the tumor had not gone well. As he puts it, it was ‘an unspeakable mess.’ He started to hemorrhage right after coming out of surgery. So, the doctors had to open him up again and risk his dying on the table. Fortunately-providentially-Neuhaus survived. Then, the next night, while lying in his room, he was ‘jerked into an utterly lucid state of awareness.’ He sensed that there were two ‘presences’ there with him. And he heard someone say, ‘Everything is ready now.’ My friend [Neuhaus] has never doubted that he was visited by angels that night, who were prepared to take him home. But he was allowed to stay here, and I think God graciously did that because there is still so much we have to learn from Father Neuhaus. For nearly four decades, Richard John Neuhaus has been setting an example of how Christian faith can transform not only individuals, but society as well. . . . His commitment to biblical standards of freedom and equality led him to become an active participant in the Civil Rights movement, marching alongside Martin Luther King. . . . Neuhaus is one of those intellectual leaders whom I have been talking about in recent days-the ones who are leading a Christian counter-attack against the entrenched

secular mindset in academia and other centers of cultural influence. His powerful books and articles have earned him the title of ‘the modern-day C. S. Lewis’ . . . God in his sovereignty is raising up some mighty warriors like Neuhaus-armed with a biblical view of life and a keen intellect to contend for Christian truth. And this is one reason I think we’ll experience a great Christian renewal in this century.”

Comment: As we have demonstrated repeatedly in *The Trinity Review* (see our website, <http://www.trinityfoundation.org>), and as this quotation shows again, Colson cannot tell the difference between Christianity and Romanism. What he sees as “a great Christian renewal” is a great apostasy, and Colson is one of the leaders of the apostasy in America. But notice how cleverly his essay is written: (1) Colson first gets the sympathy of the hearers by speaking of cancer, surgery, and possible death; (2) Colson appeals to the superstitious nature of his listeners by referring to visiting angels (and the worship of angels is very popular today); (3) Colson tells us that God providentially spared Father Neuhaus because he has so much more to teach us; (4) Colson praises Neuhaus, a Romanist priest, as a Christian intellectual with a biblical worldview, who participated in the Civil Rights movement with King, (5) thus baptizing King as well; and (6) Colson concludes by referring to God’s sovereignty, making sure that those who think they are Reformed are in sympathy as well. John Robbins, *The Trinity Foundation*.

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“Shall this power, whose record for a thousand years is written in the blood of the saints, be now acknowledged as a part of the church of Christ?” *the Great Controversy*, 571.



Dear Jeff,

Received your monthly tape today, *Ecclesiastical Megalomania*. It was excellent as always and I got to thinking after listening to it, about the text in Revelation 17:5 “And upon her forehead was a name written, mystery, Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth.”

I once did a study on this verse both from *Strong's* and from *Webster*. It is amazing. God’s word is so clear. *Mystery*: (Strong's 3466) to shut the mouth, a secret, (through the idea of silence imposed by initiation into religious rites.)

(*Webster*) *mystery*: something that is not or cannot be known understood or explained. In ancient times one of certain religious cults whose rites were kept secret from all but initiates.

Babylon: (Strong's 897) Babylon is a type of tyranny.

Babylon: (*Webster*) tyranny, absolute power, arbitrarily, unjustly administered, depostism (unlimited authority) absolute power.

Also bear in mind that the Pope is called a mystic one who participates in the occult or mystic rites. *The Great: Strong's* 3173 megalomania (as in megalomania?) exceedingly great, high, large, loud, mighty, sore, strong.

(*Webster*) *great*: eminent, powerful. (His eminence?)

Mother: (*Webster*) a female who has born offspring's. (One who things of the Mother church and her protestant children)

Harlot: (Strong's 4204) strumpet, an idolater, harlot, whore. Bible margin calls it fornication. (*Webster*) fornication is called idolatry.

Harlot: (*Webster*) an unchaste woman whore; strumpet, a rogue concubine- (a woman who cohabits with a man without marriage.)

Abomination: (*Strongs* 946) A detestation (spec) idolatry.

Abomination: (*Webster*) anything that excites disgust, hatred, loathing. Any detestable practice.

Idol: (*Webster*) an image or object representing or considered as a god. Idolatry in *Webster* excessive or undiscerning admiration or veneration.

Makes one think of Ezkiel 28:2.

It is plainer today than ever before who Babylon the whore is, and unfortunately her harlots are flocking. Thank you for spreading the true gospel, the straight testimony for us all. We continue to pray for you daily. God Bless, N.D.—NC



Dear Jeff,

I can't stop praising God that "circumstances" led us to Pugwash camp meeting last summer and led you there, too! I remember how you said your wife was feeling the load of the work and was very lonely as the week was nearing a close, but you stayed to help us understand! So a big thanks goes to her too!

And then when I told you I needed much more teaching about these topics you put my name on a list and it was in faith you sent me all the materials, because you didn't even know if I could pay for them but you knew I needed them. And all might have been lost because I might have just put those away & not read or listened to them. But I talked to a lady, M., in our church who studies deeply, and I asked her if she would look at these with me to help me sort through it all. (I was actually feeling overwhelmed at the start, not knowing where to begin.) She said, "Yes", and we made a time and date she was to come to my place. Another lady, T., was her friend and we asked her to come too, then a man, R., & later D. & J.. When she told me all these people were coming to see what you sent, then I knew I had to prepare to present a Bible study to all of them. This was in the providence of God, because I knew then where I had to start with *The Time of the End* booklet you had used to teach me at Pugwash. I duplicated a tape each week for each person, for each study, as we met for two hours each Thursday. I listened to the tapes over and over each week to prepare for the Bible study on Daniel 11:40-45. When we finished that set of tapes & the booklet, I told the group that although I understood much more now than before, that I didn't know it well enough to tell it to others. So we started it all over again, but this time I typed up summary sheets for each chapter with fill-in blanks & they had to get the answers & we all discussed it better.

Now we are on the second set of the *Time Line* series. Two of my group have believed in the Daniel 12 "times" as being future not past. Pray with me that they will come to see the truth and accept it. You have made it accessible to me & to them. I thank God for His great mercy to me for you; your wife; my husband who took me to Pugwash & lets me stay home and study; to your hours of study to bring it to me; your willingness to come to Pugwash and teach it to us; your faith to send me tapes & books without payment (at the first.).

The blessings are expanding and only eternity will tell the waves of good that pass outward from all of this. God continue to bless & keep you & your precious wife, until He comes which will be very soon. Pray for me that I will keep on studying; that I believe all the truth that comes to me; that I will live the truth in my daily life; that I will be able to share it with others, too. Also pray for my son whose focus is this world. May he turn his eyes upon Jesus before it is too late is my prayer.

So you can see that I don't know how to thank you but God will give you the reward one day soon. In Christian love, P.-Canada

P.S. Just listened to *Prophetic Time Lines* series: So thankful you addressed the 1335 days!! 2 of my group believe it wrong!! A question from my group: How do we know that after the cross all prophecies have a spiritual meaning, but literal before? They are saying that Jerusalem was destroyed in AD 70 literally. It happened after the cross, so it appears that everything isn't symbolic after the cross. Thanks. P



Sister P,

Jerusalem was destroyed well after the cross, yet Jerusalem's time as the chosen city came to an end well before the Romans leveled it, as is expressed by Jesus when he said, "Your house is left unto you desolate". At the time Jerusalem was destroyed God's people were to look towards the heavenly Jerusalem. This teaching of the cross is found in the New Testament. Paul clearly teaches that after the cross a Jew was not a literal blood descendent of Abraham, but one who possessed the faith of Abraham. A Jew after the cross was a spiritual descendant of Abraham. When I share this rule in my prophetic material I am under the conviction that there is usually many in the audience who are unfamiliar with this rule. I therefore try to present it in a simple way, so that it can be understood in its basic sense first. Given more opportunity the rule is even broader than simply literal before the cross and spiritual after the cross. It also includes that at the second coming of Christ prophecy returns to literal. Jeff



ALL THE CHRISTIAN WORLD

"A special message has come to our world in the messages of the first and second angels. And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. Revelation 14:6-8.

"Under the proclamation of these messages, the midnight cry was made, and the believers in the messages were compelled to go out from the churches because they preached **the second appearing of Christ in the clouds of heaven.** The whole world was to hear that message, 'Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him.' Here is the parable of the ten virgins.

"When the ten virgins went forth to meet the bridegroom, their lamps were trimmed and burning. Five of these virgins were wise. **They anticipated delay,** and filled their flagons with oil, **prepared for any emergency.** From those flagons their lamps were supplied, and not left to go out. But five of their number had not this foresight. They made no provision for disappointment or delay.

"The second call is made, and the ten virgins are still watching for the bridegroom. Hour after hour passes. Their eyes are anxiously looking for the appearance of the bridegroom. But there is a delay, and the weary, watching ones fall asleep. But at midnight, at the very darkest hour, when their lamps are most needed, the cry is heard, 'Behold the bridegroom cometh.' The sleeping eyes are opened. Everyone is astir. They see the procession they are to join moving on, bright with torches and with music.

"They hear the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride. The five wise virgins **trim their lamps from the oil in their flagons,** and their lamps burn brightly.

"'But five of them were foolish.' These had made no provision wherewith to replenish their lamps, and when aroused from their slumbers they found their lights going out. **Their flagons were empty.**

"Their first thought was to borrow of their neighbors, and they said to the wise virgins, 'Give us of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the answer comes back, 'Not so; lest there be not enough for yourselves and for us. Go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the procession moved on and left them behind. The bridal train entered within the house, and the door was shut. When the foolish virgins reached the banqueting hall, **an unexpected denial was given them.** They were left outside in the blackness of the night. **The door was shut.**

"All the Christian world is represented in this parable. The bride constitutes the church that is waiting for the second appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Some who have a nominal faith are not prepared for His coming. The oil of grace is not feeding their lamps, and they are not prepared to enter in to the marriage supper of the Lamb. **The representation is such as to call forth our earnest study, that we may know what preparation we who are living in the last days are to make,** that we may enter in and partake

of the marriage supper of the Lamb. We are to **accept** the last message of mercy given to a fallen world: 'Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.'

"There is a delay in the coming of the Bridegroom in order that all may have an opportunity to hear the last message of mercy to a fallen world. The first and second angels' messages are all united and complete in the third: 'And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.'

"John was shown these things in holy vision. He saw the company represented by the five wise virgins, with their lamps trimmed and burning, and he exclaimed in rapture, 'Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.'

"Many who heard the first and second angels' messages thought they would live to see Christ coming in the clouds of heaven. **Had all who claimed to believe the truth acted their part as wise virgins, the message would ere this have been proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.** But five were wise and five were foolish. The truth should have been proclaimed by the ten virgins, but only five had made the provision essential to join that company who walked in the light that had come to them. The third angel's message was needed. This proclamation was to be made. Many who went forth to meet the Bridegroom under the messages of the first and second angels, refused the third angel's message, **the last testing message to be given to the world.**

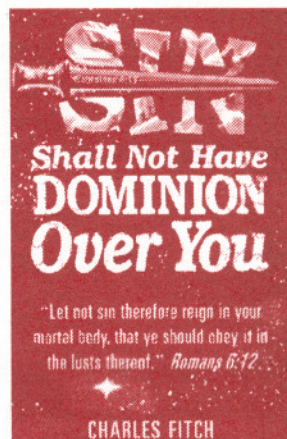
"A similar work will be accomplished when that other angel, represented in Revelation 18, gives his message. The first, second, and third angels' messages will need to be repeated. The call will be given to the church, 'Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins.' 'Babylon, the great, is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. . . . 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' Revelation 18:2-5.

"Take each verse of this chapter, and read it carefully, especially the last two: 'And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.'

"The parable of the ten virgins was given by Christ Himself, and **every specification should be carefully studied. A time will come when the door will be shut.** We are represented either by the wise or the foolish virgins. We cannot now distinguish, nor have we authority to say, who are wise and who foolish. There are those who hold the truth in unrighteousness, and these appear outwardly like the wise." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 16, 267-270.

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“Many ministers make no effort to explain Revelation. They call it an unprofitable book to study. They regard it as a sealed book, because it contains the record of figures and symbols. But the very name that has been given it, ‘Revelation,’ is a denial of this supposition. Revelation is a sealed book, but it is also an opened book. It records marvelous events that are to take place in the last days of this earth’s history. The teachings of this book are definite, not mystical and unintelligible. **In it the same line of prophecy is taken up as in Daniel.** Some prophecies God has repeated, thus showing that importance must be given to them. The Lord does not repeat things that are of no great consequence.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 8, 415.

Houston, Texas have floundered for similar reasons. "When a plan invites competition for control between religious groups, it's a recipe for disaster," said the Reverend Barry W. Lynn, executive director of *Americans United for the Separation of Church and State*.

Then there are concerns about separation of church and state issues. The senior pastor of Austin's First Baptist Church, which hosted Bush's first "faith-based" forum after his election, wrote in a Baptist journal that "if the new commitment to 'faith-based initiatives' threatens the wall of separation, then it will be our responsibility as Baptist Christians to speak a prophetic word of protest."

Even in Canada, back about the turn of the last century, the Catholic, United, and Anglican churches agreed to run a network of about 100 boarding schools for Indian children. The system was finally phased out in 1970 due to rampant corruption, and the Canadian government issued a formal apology to families and victims of abuse at the hands of program administrators. They also created a \$350 million "healing fund". However, lawsuits and other outstanding claims may even yet lead to payments totaling anywhere from one to ten billion dollars!—threatening some churches with bankruptcy. Canadian officials are considering a plan to help bail out the churches by using tax dollars to cover part of their debts.

Further complicating matters in the "faith-based" controversy is the fact that Bush is offering no new money for his initiative. Thus, religious programs that receive federal money will get it at the expense of existing programs, most of which are secular. With federal funding limited, advocates for the poor fear that the administration's bias toward "faith-based" groups may spell the end of effective secular programs. This happened recently when the Bush budget plan defunded a federal program that pays for security officers, alarm systems and after-school activities for young people at public housing projects.

Then, too, there is concern about government oversight of how the money is utilized and the question of "attached strings". The Reverend Jerry Falwell expressed skepticism that government aid would really be given with no strings attached, and even if it were, he said, the rules could easily change in the future. "I would not want to put any of the *Jerry Falwell Ministries* in a position where we might be subservient to a future Bill Clinton, God forbid!" observed Falwell.

Where accountability and oversight are concerned, proponents of Bush's plan have rightly noted that secular government programs also get caught up in controversy, and that there are many instances of fraud and abuse that have hurt the credibility of some public institutions. However, the important difference between the incidents at religious service providers and government agencies is that public facilities are easily and routinely audited and open to official inspections. Publicly funded private institutions are kept separate and are less accessible.

In other words, when an incident occurs at a secular public facility, a legal recourse is readily available, but when a ministry runs a service program, determining what happened and holding the parties responsible leads to a morass of church-state entanglement. *Church & State*, April 2001.

Editor's note: Despite the obvious intractable difficulties surrounding the concept of government involvement in religious social services, there is growing popular sentiment that government should be involved in, if not actually in overt control of, certain religious affairs. The government will follow the popular lead, whether it is good for the populace or not.

"To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law." Testimonies, volume 5, 451.

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