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TRUSTING CHRIST

Our last thought at night and our first thought in the morning should be of Him in whom are centered our hopes of eternal life. He died for us. He saw us in peril, exposed to destruction, and He poured out His life to save us. He is our Advocate. He has placed a treasure-house of blessing at our command. Men can not remove one stain of sin. Christ's merits alone will avail, and they have been placed at our disposal in rich fulness. Every moment we may draw upon Christ for help. As we turn to Him, He answers, 'Here am I.' Christ is our Intercessor. He places the incense of His righteousness in the golden censer, to offer up with the prayers of His disciples. The Father hears every prayer offered in contrition and sincerity. Our supplications blend with the supplications of our Intercessor, whose voice the Father always hears.

"Let us, then, pray without ceasing, not in the name of any human being, but in the name of Him who is our substitute and surety. He has given us His name to use. 'Ask in My name,' He says. Then let us pray in faith. Let us not falter, but go forward from strength to strength, from victory to victory.

"Jesus receives and welcomes you as His friend. He loves you. He has pledged Himself to open before you all the treasures of His grace. He says, Make use of My name, and it will be your passport to the heart of My Father, and to all the riches of His grace. 'Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you. Hitherto ye have asked nothing in My name; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.'

"Unworthy as we are, God has granted to us His forgiving mercy; undeserving as we are of the least of His favors, He has poured rich blessings upon us. The more unworthy the receiver, the more glorious the mercy of God, and the more earnestly we should show forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. 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.

"The more you trust your Redeemer, the more you will love Him. He is your Friend in life or death. He is the Crown of your rejoicing. He is worthy of your fullest faith. All the sorrows and afflictions that we suffer here only constitute our discipline for the higher life. God designs that thus we shall be fitted for heaven. Wait upon God. Lean upon Him in entire dependence; for His everlasting arms will sustain you. He who says that not a sparrow falls to the ground without the notice of the heavenly Father will care for those who love and trust Him. Jesus knows every throb of pain, every throe of anguish and distress, and He will give His children grace to endure the afflictions that He permits to come upon them. His heart beats in sympathy with suffering humanity and those who suffer most have most of His pity and sympathy." *Signs of the Times*, February 28, 1906.

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

"The work of the Holy Spirit is to convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. The world can only be warned by seeing those who believe the truth sanctified through the truth, acting upon high and holy principles, showing in a high, elevated sense, the line of demarcation between those who keep the commandments of God, and those who trample them under their feet. The sanctification of the Spirit signalizes the difference between those who have the seal of God, and those who keep a spurious rest-day. When the test comes, it will be clearly shown what the mark of the beast is. It is the keeping of Sunday. Those who after having heard the truth, continue to regard this day as holy, bear the signature of the man of sin, who thought to change times and laws." *Bible Training School*, December 1, 1903.

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Mission Statement

The ministry of **Future for America** is to proclaim the final warning message of Revelation 14 as identified within the prophecies of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. The end-time fulfillment of Bible prophecy is no longer future-for it is taking place before our eyes. The historic, prophetic understanding of Seventh-day Adventism is now present truth. We are the final generation. Our emphasis on the prophetic word includes all the counsel of God's Word. To know what lies ahead is useless if we do not possess the experience to stand during these solemn times. Through obedience to God's law, and faith in the promises of God's Word, we are to receive that experience.

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

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

Future for America intends to print and distribute truth-filled literature, while helping to establish lay-printing operations in parts of the Lord's vineyard where faithful brethren do not have the means to raise up a printing operation with their own resources.

LETTERS

Dear Brother Pippenger,

Thank you so much for awesome messages I've received on *The Midnight Cry* series. The newsletters are also a great blessing. I've become so interested in the last few verses of Daniel 11, I want to be clear on them. May God continue to shine His light on you. Sincerely JR

Thanks for answering my question about Marion Berry. I should have known. KF

I enjoyed and profited from your February 2002 newsletter and tape. I'm looking forward to Jeff's study on Daniel chapter 10-12. Keep up the good work and God Bless. In His Love AF

Thank you for the tapes you send each month. They are listened to, also for your publication. We read them and share. Thanks.

Future for America, Keep up the good work for the Lord. Press on. Do not quit or give up in anyway. (Galatians 6:9). Your in our Prayers. Jesus be with you always. In Jesus. M&J

Hi you two,

See by your newsletter that you are staying quite busy in the Lord's work. For us it is quite personal for knowing you two so well. Which is our privilege. If you have any study guides or sermon notes for the last series you gave I wish you would send them to us, the sheets that you handed out also. Any and everything and we will send a check right back.

Take care of your selves. The Lord certainly will do His part, but expects us to do our part. We love you and would love to see you. All our love in Jesus E.&V. -AZ

Brother Jeff: Awhile back 3 or 4 months, you started sending tapes & newsletters, probably at the suggesting of ND, one of your supporters. For which, thanks, please continue! I support some 12 plus other ministries, and have included yours for an equal share, and will continue this probably not at this level. Think of this as \$\$ for 2002. I believe your teaching is on course, and will look for some opportunity to visit, study with you. I have some insights and conclusions that I can't share with just anyone. Please advise if you will conduct meeting or studies any where in NC I'm a senior on S.S. retirement, currently trying to limit travel. Keep in touch Kind Regards JZR (Numbers 13:30).

Dear *Future for America*,

Thank you for your faithfulness in sending us inspiring & timely news for the edifying & uplifting our hearts toward our Heavenly home Hebrews 11:16. May the Lord continue to bless the ministry for God's glory & to hasten His Glorious return!

Enclosed is a small donation to continue God's advancement! May the Lord bless you & your families as we approach the coming New Year. Let us continue to encourage each other onward & upward until then! Sincerely, Maranatha R&C-CA

STRATEGIC PLANNING: NOT JUST BUSINESS AS USUAL

A worldwide survey of local Adventist churches is currently underway to provide essential information for the GC's strategic planning initiative. Since taking up the strategic planning process in April 2001, GC and division administrators have emphasized that the plan must be more than just a collection of inspiring slogans, and that progress and results must be tracked. This commitment has led church leaders to commission an *Adventist World Survey*, which those involved say will be the most ambitious survey of Adventism ever attempted.

The *World Survey* will provide a baseline indication of current attitudes and practices among Adventist churches in every union of the world field. The results of the survey, due to be released this September at Annual Council, promise an unprecedented global snapshot of local Adventist churches.

The 97 questions on the survey seek information on a broad range of issues, including Sabbath school and church attendance; whether believers enjoy an assurance of salvation; belief in basic church doctrines; outreach activities of the church; and attitudes of Adventist young people.

Pastor Michael Ryan, who heads up strategic planning for the GC, emphasizes that effective strategic planning must have a sense of "where we are now," so we can see how far we've moved toward "where we want to be." He explains, "With this sort of empirical baseline data we can ask, with greater credibility, the questions: How can the church do this better? How can we improve in specific areas?" This is an essential part of the strategic planning process.

"We're not a small church anymore," he adds. "We're a significant force in many societies, operating an increasing number of institutions, and supporting multi-faceted ministries." As the church expands into new cultures and countries, he says, it's essential to coordinate different church entities, so we move together toward the same goals. "Without this intentional, coordinated approach, the church may have difficulty sustaining its extraordinary growth curve of the past decade."

The *World Survey* project is a "massive undertaking," says Dr. Roger Dudley, coordinator of the survey and director of the *Institute for Church Ministry* at Andrews Theological Seminary. The survey's seven-page questionnaire has been translated into five languages, and is currently being sent to 4,500 pastors from each of the church's 91 union conferences and missions. At each church, three people will fill out a questionnaire; the pastor, a male lay leader, and a female lay leader.

The GC Executive Committee voted in April 2001 to make strategic planning an integral part of administrative decision-making, and they identified three spiritual values—unity, growth, and quality of life—as representing the essence of Adventist mission.

Over the past decade the church in Africa has grown so rapidly that one third of the world church's membership, more than 4 million members, now resides in Africa.

"The Lord's people are mainly made up of the poor of this world—the common people. Not many wise, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. God hath chosen the poor of this world. The poor have the gospel preached unto them. The wealthy are called, in one sense; they are invited, but they do not accept the invitation. In the large cities the Lord has many who are humble and yet trustful. Many of these the ministers of the gospel know nothing about. The churches do not know them, because while there are many professors, there are but few who minister. They are the Lord's lights, shining in lowly, miserable places. Patient, meek, gentle, suffering with nakedness, hunger, and cold, they are the Lord's martyrs. Angels visit them, and then bear to heaven the record that the Lord's capital, entrusted to human agents, is misappropriated; that the church is guilty of squandering the Lord's means.

"It was an insult to God when David numbered Israel. God's rebuke rested upon him; for he made himself as God, as though he could tell the strength of the armies of Israel by their numbers. 'This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.' God looks not to the numbers of Israel for the success of his work. His armies number thousands of thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. These cooperate with the men who will connect with God to be channels of light.

"There are in our cities thousands who have the fear of God before them, who have not bowed the knee to Baal. It is because so many of these are in lowly circumstances that the world does not notice them. But though hidden in highways and hedges, they are seeking God." *Gospel Health*, September 1, 1898.

THE VIRTUE OF UN-ORIGINALITY

Nearly every agent of church renewal began by comparing the church or himself, not with [the] intellectual and cultural trends [of his day], but with that faith of the ages, particularly with biblical teaching. They knew that there is nothing so fresh and incisive for every era as the so-called stock phrases of Scripture. The old kind of Christian is the best hope for church renewal. *Christianity Today*, April 1, 2002.

GEORGE W. NEW LEADER OF CHRISTIAN RIGHT

Pat Robertson's resignation this month [February 2002] as president of the Christian Coalition confirmed the ascendance of a new leader of the religious right in America: George W. Bush. *Church and State* magazine quoting *The Washington Post*, February 2, 2002.

[Editor's note: In the January 2001 issue of our newsletter we used a subtitled as follows: RELIGIOUS RIGHT FINDS ITS CENTER IN OVAL OFFICE—BUSH EMERGES AS MOVEMENT'S LEADER AFTER ROBERTSON LEAVES CHRISTIAN COALITION. This was taken from a *Washington Post* article. The article could be understood as saying that President Bush was now the legal CEO of the Christian Coalition. This is not the case. He is simply being identified as the symbolic figurehead of not only the Christian Coalition, but the Religious Right movement in general.]

NATIONS WILL BE STIRRED

"The voice of the true watchman needs now to be heard all along the line, 'The morning cometh, and also the night' (Isaiah 21:12). The trumpet must give a certain sound for we are in the great day of the Lord's preparation. . . . There are many doctrines current in our world. There is many a religion current that numbers its thousands and tens of thousands, but there is but one that bears the superscription and the stamp of God. There is a religion of man and a religion of God. We must have our souls riveted to the eternal Rock. Everything in God's world, both men and doctrines and nature itself, is fulfilling God's sure word of prophecy and accomplishing His grand and closing work in this world's history.

"We are to be ready and waiting for the orders of God. **Nations will be stirred to their very center.** Support will be withdrawn from those who proclaim God's only standard of righteousness, the only sure test of character. And all who will not bow to the decree of the national councils and obey the national laws to exalt the sabbath instituted by the man of sin, to the disregard of God's holy day, will feel, not the oppressive power of popery alone, but of the Protestant world, the image of the beast.

"Satan will work his miracles to deceive; he will set up his power as supreme. The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out--the chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place. None but those who have been overcoming by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony will be found with the loyal and true, without spot or stain of sin, without guile in their mouths. We must be divested of our self-righteousness and arrayed in the righteousness of Christ." *Selected Messages*, book 2, 380.

THE "BUSH DOCTRINE"

That doctrine, which holds that the United States needs to exert itself more forcefully in the world, could turn out to be the most sweeping change in foreign policy since Ronald Reagan declared the Soviet Union an "evil empire." *U.S. News & World Report*, February 25 / March 4, 2002.

BUSHES' MORAL AUTHORITY

"The president understands that he wields the moral authority of the most powerful country on Earth," says a senior adviser. *U.S. News & World Report*, April 15, 2002.

KING OF THE WORLD

The war on terrorism has brought home to the global opinion-making class just how much power President Bush has at his command. Indeed, it is not an exaggeration to say that he wields more power than anyone else in the world—perhaps more than anyone else in the history of the planet—and he intends to use it. *U.S. News & World Report*, February 25 / March 4, 2002.

[Editor's note: Does this sound ominous or what?]

US RELENTLESS AGAINST ENEMIES

97% of Americans polled after president Bush's State of the Union message support his conduct of the war against terrorism. According to a military historian, the Western—particularly the American—way of war is unusually relentless. The Japanese honestly believed that the destruction of the American fleet at Pearl Harbor meant that the United States would stay out of their way. Non-Westerners tend to have one decisive battle, whereupon the defeated party graciously surrenders. The Japanese never dreamed that their attack would mean that America would not stop until their nation was effectively destroyed. *WORLD*, February 16, 2002.

And he spake as a dragon. And he [relentlessly] exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and [relentlessly] causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and [relentlessly] cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he [relentlessly] causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads. Revelation 13:12, 15-16. ["Relentlessly" supplied by editor.]

THE US'S FLOATING GARRISONS

When the USS Ronald Reagan is launched the United States will have 13 Navy battle-groups, each group composed of a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier with a crew of 3,200 and 70 state-of-the-art warplanes ready to go on a moment's notice. The battle-group will also have an Aegis-type cruiser; a large ship charged with intercepting any incoming missiles, a bevy of frigates and destroyers that search for enemy submarine activity, one or two hunter-killer submarines, and at the rear several supply vessels which also carry Marine troops and their helicopters.

Now this colossus has been stupefying to the Russian and Chinese military, worrisome to the Indians, and disturbing to proponents of a common European defense policy, because, in military terms, we are [actually] the only player. We spend more than the next nine largest national-defense budgets combined. *The Conservative Chronicle*, February 20, 2002.

And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. Revelation 13:13.

"We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling. Strange, eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven. **Everything in our world is in agitation.** There are wars and rumors of wars. The nations are angry, and the time of the dead has come, that they should be judged. Events are changing to bring about the day of God, which hasteth greatly. Only a moment of time, as it were, yet remains. But while already nation is rising against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, there is not now a general engagement. As yet the four winds are held until the servants of God shall be sealed in their foreheads. Then the powers of earth will marshal their forces for the last great battle." *Testimonies*, volume 6, 14.

President Bush is proposing an increase in military spending next year of some \$50 Billion, as much as the entire defense budget of the next biggest spender, Japan. *U.S. News & World Report*, February 25 / March 4, 2002.

CHINA THREAT GROWS

The US Ambassador to China said "It is our experience to date that China does not have an effective export control regime for sensitive materials and items." All seven nations on the US State Department's list of terrorist states shop at Beijing's weapons-of-mass-destruction superstore. The Pentagon says that China is a "principal supplier of nuclear technology to Iran," and the State Department has slapped sanctions on two Chinese firms for transferring chemical and biological weapons know-how to Tehran.

Chinese experts have been helping Saddam Hussein rebuild and expand Iraq's air defense systems and radar stations with fiber-optic upgrades linking strategic sites. Libya gets Chinese support for its ballistic missile program. Sudan trades oil for Chinese military hardware. North Korea procures raw materials and equipment for its missile program through Chinese companies, and China is helping Cuba's Castro modernize his satellite-tracking center.

This military trade with rogue states is helping China to build up a worldwide anti-American alliance, while at the same time, China is rapidly expanding its own military. A just-released CIA report estimates that by 2015, China could have 100 long-range nuclear missiles aimed at the US, many on hard-to-locate mobile launchers. The regime is committed to the conquest of Taiwan and views its nuclear force as deterrence insurance should America try to intervene.

In 2000, China became the world's biggest arms importer, acquiring an estimated \$3 Billion in weapons, including the latest Russian warships, subs and tanks. On January 4, the Kremlin announced it was building two more destroyers for the Chinese, at a cost of \$1 Billion, to be delivered in 2006. Beijing certainly doesn't need all this military might to suppress the Falun Gong meditation movement. To complement China's military expansion, Jiang Zemin has cultivated a rabid nationalism that portrays America as a nation of mad hegemonists, the mortal enemy of the Chinese, bent on frustrating and humiliating the Middle Kingdom. *The Conservative Chronicle*, February 6, 2002.

And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. Revelation 11:18.

SECURITY OR FREEDOM?

Right now, the public prefers security. We usually do in times when our comfort has been shattered and our tranquility threatened. At such periods, liberty and freedom take on distantly wispy and abstractly theoretical characteristics, and we all become susceptible to trading them in for the promise of the immediate certainty that we can reach out and touch and feel. *WORLD*, March 23, 2002.

"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."—Benjamin Franklin.

TERRORIST CENSUS IN AMERICA

According to a new Census Bureau report there are an estimated 45 million people in the United States that do not speak English in their homes, 14 million of them born in the US. Nearly 8.7 million are illegal residents, and of those, 24,000 are from Israel, 31,000 are from Iran, 40,000 are from Pakistan, and 60,000 are from Afghanistan. Steven Camarota, research director at the *Center for Immigration Studies*, says, "It is difficult to overstate the implications of this new report for the security of our nation." *The Conservative Chronicle*, February 6, 2002.

ANTI-TERRORISM LEGISLATION THREATENS CIVIL RIGHTS

Fundamental rights are interrelated. If any right is undermined or abridged, all others are necessarily impacted as well. The religion clause protection [in the US Constitution] also overlaps basic privacy and autonomy principles. Indeed, the core idea of religious liberty is, in essence, an autonomy right.

The First Amendment principles [of the US Constitution] of free religion, speech, press, and assembly have a philosophical foundation. They are grounded in the primary value of the individual. The supreme value under our constitutional order is not the community but the individual. Yet this fundamental commitment began to shift long before September 11.

One example of this is the US Supreme Court's declaration that protecting the free exercise of religion as a fundamental right would make "each conscience... a law unto itself," resulting in "sheer anarchy." [Smith, supra, at 1606] But if protecting the rights of conscience leads to anarchy, then this calls into question our method for protecting other First Amendment rights. Free speech, press, and assembly are also rights of conscience, along with religious freedom.

If government can restrict religious freedom so long as it crafts laws that do not overtly target religion (which is precisely the state of our constitutional law: "facially neutral laws of general applicability" can restrict religion severely, yet be subject to virtually no judicial review.), then why cannot the same method be used to restrict speech and press? That the courts have not yet descended into such an assault on our other freedoms does not negate the fact that such a foundation has been definitely and firmly established.

The war on terrorism, however, arrives with unique threats to religious liberty precisely because of the religious dimensions to the war. The war on terrorism necessarily invokes a war on an ideology of hate that advocates the use of violence. Indeed, the curricula of Islamic schools could well be scrutinized and actual teaching monitored to ensure that terrorist propaganda is not disseminated here at home. Such "excessive entanglement" with religious institutions and teaching implicate both religion clauses as well as rights of free speech, press, and assembly. Even if such teaching stopped short of posing a "clear and present danger," under historical legal standards such restrictions would seem necessary and acceptable to many, if not most, Americans.

No right is an island. A European visitor to America not long ago was heard to remark that Americans were "too free." This may be about to change. *Liberty*, March/April 2002.

"The dignitaries of church and state will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected." *The Great Controversy*, 592.

IN THE LAST SCENES OF THIS EARTH'S HISTORY, WAR WILL RAGE. THERE WILL BE PESTILENCE, PLAGUE, AND FAMINE. THE WATERS OF THE DEEP WILL OVERFLOW THEIR BOUNDARIES. PROPERTY AND LIFE WILL BE DESTROYED BY FIRE AND FLOOD. *BIBLE ECHO*, JUNE 17, 1901.

FUTURE TERRORIST CARNAGE?

This administration understands only too well that America is the principal target of terrorist networks and regimes that, if married to weapons of mass destruction, could make 9-11 a pale shadow of future carnage. The next attack could bring casualties in the hundreds of thousands. *U.S. News & World Report*, March 18, 2002.

[**Editor's note:** What kinds of terrorist-inspired calamities could make the surprised and fear-stricken US citizenry hound Congress for Sunday laws to curry God's favor and assistance—for a country that is apparently unable to adequately defend itself?]

FAITH-BASED COMPROMISE

The far-reaching provisions of last year's faith-based legislation passed by the US House of Representatives are gone from a compromise Senate version introduced February 7. The new name is the *Charity Aid, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act*. [**Editor's note:** The opinion is that it has a better likelihood of passage.] *Christianity Today*, April 1, 2002.

SHOULD CIVIL GOVERNMENT ENFORCE THE SABBATH?

The state is to be a minister of God for good (Romans 13:14). As such it derives its authority and standards from the Word of God, and not from the mere will of the majority—democracy is not a Christian doctrine, but a pagan Greek concept.

Many evangelicals, who would otherwise assent to the kingly office of the Savior, balk at the idea on the ground of a general conviction concerning the "separation of church and state." The objection has no substance, since clearly the state must uphold either true biblical religion, or some more or less anti-Christian position. The state can never be neutral with respect to the law of God any more than an individual sinner can be. This was recognized as early as 1803 by the American Covenanter theologian, Samuel B. Wylie, who noted that the US had established by law the religion of "liberty of conscience," which allowed every heresy or false religion the sanction of law, rather than "the religion of Jesus alone." From *The Christian Statesman* [The National Reform Movement], volume 140, #3. www.natreformassn.org

Thomas Jefferson: "Almighty God hath created the mind free. All attempts to influence it by temporal punishments or burdens, or by civil incapacitations, tend only to beget habits of hypocrisy and meanness, and are a departure from the plan of the holy Author of our religion, who, being Lord, both of body and mind, yet chose not to propagate it by coercion on either, as was in His almighty power to do."

BACK TO HO-HUM, "BUSINESS AS USUAL"

"I've never seen such a dramatic change disappear so quickly."—Pollster Andrew Kohut, on the spike and then falloff in the influence of religion in America after the September 11 terrorist attacks. *WORLD*, March 30, 2002.

Dear Jeff,

I enjoy so much listening to your tapes. Please find enclosed a check for you to use to further God's work. Your message is so much needed right now during this final closing times of Earth's history. We pray that God's work will be finished soon and that we can all have the blessing of the latter rain and be part of God's remnant team to help finish the work. Can you please send me your most recent series of tapes and the new "chart" that you are working on? [We have nothing prepared for dissemination as yet.] And anything else that is recent? Thanks. ET-Canada

Jeff and Kathy,

We appreciate so much the materials you have been sending to us. The little Mexican families seem very eager to receive them and now we pray that they will read them and little by little apply them to their lives (with the help of the Holy Spirit). We welcome any material you may have on health and Spirit of Prophecy, etc. like you have been sending. Your ministry has been a real blessing to us. Time is very short. In His Love,
M&G.P. —OR

Dear Jeff,

Greetings in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. I've not heard from you for so long. Our team has been out on the evangelistic trail for 14 weeks in seven places and I've been so busy. Our pastor threatened to disfellowship me if I continued reading the *Future for America* articles, that you people are offshoots! I only praised God that your ministry could be called offshoot for righteousness sake. Your materials are truth filled, with meat in due season. How can I forsake them? God forbid I cannot. I am wandering only why there is so much apostasy in the church.

The work here is much and great. Thousands of souls are perishing for want of the bread of life. We have no materials to give them. Our team is growing and prayerful Bible study continues on. That is why I am still requesting that if you could send the three-volume Spirit of Prophecy set, pioneer materials, any of Ellen White's material. Please send as you can afford.

The big problem here are the converts from Catholics. Most of them lack Bibles. If you could have some King James Version and very few EGW Study Bible for our evangelistic team. Because resources are scarce, we just hold evangelistic meetings on Sabbath, Law of God, sanctuary, Christ our righteousness, three angels' messages, health reform, and general prophecies and Bible studies. If means could allow we would publish in small leaflets. Please send us past and present issues of *Future News*.

I ask you to consider coming to Kenya. If possible let me know. We would appreciate. Greet family members and the brethren over there. God Bless you. Read 2 Corinthians 13:5-10. Sincerely yours, A.O.K.—Kenya

Dear Jeff and Kathryn,

Thank you for sending the tapes and your publications. We have found them very interesting. Some time ago I started writing out the main points of things that are happening in the world today that is fulfilling prophecy but I haven't had time to do much for a while. I am passing your information around for others to listen to and read.

Thank you for sending *God's Healing Way*. What would you like us to do? This book is being sold for \$14 I think. It would be a good book for all Adventists to read, but not many seem inclined to read this sort of material. Most Adventists in the conference church don't follow the health reform message much, as far as I can see. If and when we sell these books we can pass the money back to you. We live in an isolated country town and don't go to church very often.

I have decided to just give out tracts at the doors presently, but my sister is still selling books. She is willing to include them with her other books. The secular minded people we meet at the doors are often very suspicious of anything Christian, so it is always a challenge to say the right thing, which will reach their hearts and minds. A pastor said recently that Christianity is falling in Australia while Islam and Buddhism is increasing.

The Australian dollar is so low that American books are now twice the price. My sister has been showing *Proof Positive* to people and is willing to sell it at cost price, which is over \$100. People like the book very much, but no one has bought it yet.

I would like to send you some money to cover some of the expenses of the books you have sent us. The lady at the bank said that sometimes Americans come in and exchange their American dollars for the Australian currency. She said I could just send the American money in an envelope, but if it gets lost on the way I can't make any claim on it. May God bless you both. Maranatha. P.I.—Australia

Dear Brother Jeff,

Best regards from Ukraine. I was very pleased to meet you. God gave me an opportunity to be in Kiev to meet you, to listen to your seminars about Daniel. Since that time I've been thinking that I'm not yet ready for many events forth coming in this world before the second coming of Jesus Christ. Since that time I've been studying the Spirit of Prophecy the book of Daniel & Revelation. The tidings is worth working at it & it's worth to be rewarded. I wish God would let you come to Ukraine once again. I will be praying for that & I will do my best to meet with you again. Particularly I would like the people of Ukraine could hear of the tidings when I got to study the book by Daniel, Chapter 11 with the materials I have it took me four hours to read eight verses. Your work will be rewarded a great deal. I wish God to bless you & your family and to give you the strength of the Holy Spirit so that you can keep working for him.

I've been waiting with impatience for the materials on the book by Daniel that you're going to send me. I will keep studying the tidings given to us with the help of this prophet. The people must hear of these tidings. God has such people who bring these tidings to the people.

I'm very pleased & I do thank God for calling me to serve God, but I have yet not so much experience and knowledge for my work for him. So I ask God to give me the strength of the Holy Spirit in order to do this work that is not so easy. I love God & am going to follow him. Glory to God for great goodness and that these tidings can be declared without any difficulties. Give my best regards to Steve [Dickie], to your wife and children & from my friends from Ukraine. I'm eager to see you again, to talk to you about the life of the church. I will be waiting for the reunion with you in January. Also will you please give best regards in your church from the Adventists in Ukraine, even though we don't have an opportunity to see one another. But I am very happy to know there are others in other continents and foreign countries who hold God in great esteem. If you have some time please write to me in English and I will translate it over here. I will be glad to hear from you. Yesterday we had the first snowfall. Its getting colder and its very beautiful in winter over here, particularly in the mountains where the air is so fresh. I will close my letter for now. May God Bless you. Respectfully, Slavik-Ukraine

HOMOSEXUAL NETWORK COMING?

MTV and *Showtime* are seriously considering an "all gay, all the time cable network which could be launched within the next year (January, *World*). These two networks have been at the forefront of homosexual programming in recent years. Has America sunk to such a depth to accept such? *Calvary Contender*, February 15, 2002.

"Sin has prevailed since the fall. While a few have remained faithful to God, the great majority have corrupted their ways before Him. The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah was on account of their great wickedness." *Councils on Diets and Foods*, 60.

Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. Romans 1:22.

US STUDENTS LEANING TO THE LEFT

Today's college freshmen are more liberal than any freshmen since the early 1970's. A University of Southern California study pointed to growing popularity of left-wing ideas. The poll found that 57.9% support gay marriage, 32.2% oppose capital punishment, and over 33% support marijuana legalization. About 30% defined themselves as on the "left," 50% considered themselves "middle of the road," and about 20% said they were on the "right." A record 15.8% of freshmen said they have no religious preference, up slightly from last year and more than double the figure in 1966. The survey's founder called the results "a broad-based trend toward greater liberalism on almost every issue we look at." *WORLD*, February 9, 2002.

SOFT MONEY AND POLITICS IN THE USA

Because money talks in politics, it buys access and influence. Candidates elected come to office with divided loyalties. On the one side are the voters who elected them, and on the other are the special interests that paid for their campaigns. This turns democracy on its head.

1992 Cycle

Democrats—\$34.5 million

Republicans—\$49.9 million

1996 Cycle

Democrats—\$108.8 million

Republicans—\$127 million

2000 Cycle

Democrats—\$219.3 million

Republicans—\$243.8 million *Common Cause solicitation letter*, February 2002.

"Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. In the soon-coming conflict we shall see exemplified the prophet's words: 'The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.' Revelation 12:17. *The Great Controversy*, 592.

UNION ORGANIZING ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES HEATS UP

Union power may be in decline nationally, but organizers are gathering momentum on college campuses. Student organizers received a boost when the *National Labor Relations Board* changed its position on student unions in 2000, giving some New York University graduate employees the right to organize. Now the movement is spreading from one cadre of campus activists to another. Earlier this month, resident assistants at the University of Massachusetts agreed to unionize, marking one of the first times an undergraduate group has done so. *WORLD*, March 23, 2002.

"The trade unions will be the cause of the most terrible violence that has ever been seen among human beings." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 4, 23.

OPRAH THE POSTMODERN US GURU

In 1998, when she began *Change Your Life TV*. Oprah's most significant role has become that of spiritual leader. To her audience of more than 22 million mostly female viewers, she has become a postmodern priestess—an icon of church-free spirituality.

"Oprah Winfrey arguably has more influence on the culture than any university president, politician, or religious leader, except perhaps the Pope," noted a 1994 *Vanity Fair* article.

Oprah's show has normalized a generic spirituality that perceives all religions as equally valid paths to God. . . an effort to create a contemporary spirituality that is suitable to the postmodern temperament. What does Oprah's appeal to so many Americans, particularly women, tell us about current American spirituality?

First, so-called secular Americans remain spiritually hungry. When someone comes along, open about spirituality, in a winsome way, people are fascinated.

[Editor's note: Sounds like a great opportunity for the Church, or an open door for a takeover by the Pope.]

Second, Americans are interested in practical spirituality. Oprah is concerned with helping us live better and more authentically. People today are really looking for a message of salvation that literally has the power to change their lives.

[Editor's note: The Laodicean Church has been falling down on the job here for decades.]

Third, Americans yearn for a hopeful spirituality.

[Editor's note: The Church should be presenting eternal hope through Christ.]

The question for Christians is this: What can we do to help Oprah and her disciples find what they are ultimately seeking—the power, grace, and love that can only be found through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? The answers are not obvious, but the need to find them is as urgent as ever. *Christianity Today*, April 1, 2002.

BLAME CATHOLIC POPE FOR CHARISMATICS?

In 1962, Pope John XXIII issued a call for a "new Pentecost." The result was the charismatic renewal, which has touched tens of millions of people both within and outside the Roman Catholic church (March, *Charisma*). Of course, Episcopal priest Dennis Bennett, Oral Roberts, and others were early leaders in the movement. Pentecostal historian Vinson Synan believes there are now 400 million Catholics and Protestants worldwide who have received the "baptism in the Holy Spirit." The charismatic movement has become weirder and wilder in recent years, thanks to such leaders as Benny Hinn, Paul Crouch, John Wimber, Kenneth Hagin, Kenneth Copeland, Rodney Howard-Browne, ect.—giving us the Laughing Revival, the Pensacola Outpouring, ect. It is a tool for building the ecumenical church of the Antichrist. *Calvary Contender*, March 15, 2002.

GOT MILK?

The March-April issue of *Oncology Reports* contains an in-vitro study that observed the growth rates of breast cancer cells from women who had been treated with radiation therapy. Scientists measured the effects of growth hormones on growth and radiation sensitivity.

Let us explain the meaning and significance of this powerful study. There are hundreds of millions of different proteins in nature, and only one hormone (that I am aware of) that is identical between any two species of mammal. That potent growth hormone is insulin-like growth factor, or IGF-I.

IGF-I survives digestion and has been identified as the key factor in breast cancer's growth. IGF-I is identical in human and cow. If you believe that breast feeding "works" to protect lactoferrins and immunoglobulins from digestion (and benefit the nursing infant), you must also recognize that milk is a hormonal delivery system. By drinking cow's milk, one delivers IGF-I in a bioactive form to the body's cells. When IGF-I from cow's milk alights upon an existing cancer, it sends a signal to a tumor—GROW!

Although we naturally produce IGF-I, that same hormone contained in cow's milk is protected by encapsulation within tiny fat molecules and the clumping together of casein, so that cow IGF-I is not readily broken down. In reviewing the mechanisms of IGF-I, the journal *Science* (volume 249, August 24, 1990) determined something of great consequence to all humans. Two FDA scientists (Judy Juskevich & Greg Guyer) revealed: "Human Insulin-like growth factor (IGF-I) and bovine IGF-I are identical. Both contain 70 amino acids in the identical sequence."

Studies have identified IGF-I as the key factor in the growth of every human cancer. The earliest reference I found to IGF-I and breast cancer was a 1991 study by Lippman, in which this conclusion was made: "IGF-I is critically involved in the aberrant growth of human breast cancer cells."

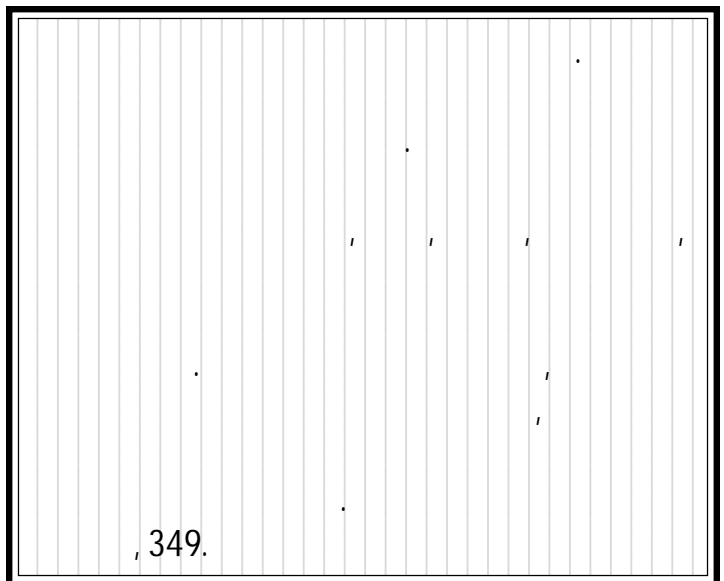
In other words, dairy industry scientists and government health regulators and bureaucrats have known about the key factor to breast cancer for more than a decade. The shame of it all is that this is more than just a crime of deceit. This is a national tragedy, for there is a cure for cancer. Upon identifying the key factor in cancer's growth, one must exercise the good sense of practicing prevention.

Radiation therapy is often used in the treatment of breast cancer patients. This new scientific study exposed irradiated breast cancer cells to IGF-I. Scientists confirmed that when IGF-I was removed from cultures of breast cancer cells, the cellular growth was "significantly decreased."

Breast cancer cell doubling time was dependent upon the presence of human or bovine IGF-I. They are both exactly the same. In the experiment, variations in radiation therapy were minor. The scientists may not even recognize the significance of their finding. Cellular cancer doubling time may very well be influenced by every glass of milk, spoonful of yogurt, or bite of cheese taken by breast cancer patients.

This ultimate irony documents a crime against woman-kind. The scientists know. The dairy industry knows. The *Food and Drug Administration* knows. Now, you know too.

Does your cousin, aunt, grandfather, sister, mother, and neighbor know? This secret has been kept from them. Can you make the difference and alert them to the truth? The subject of this column is: Should cancer patients drink milk? Powerful growth hormones contained in the healthiest milk from the healthiest cows overcome any of man's therapies, performing efficiently the task for which they were designed. These growth hormones send a message to cancers: Grow!!! Robert Cohen <http://www.notmilk.com>



Dear Kathy & Jeff,

Following is an experience I recently had and, and hopefully a helpful health nugget. I injured my foot while walking outside in a pair of wooden slip on shoes. One slipped off my foot and the middle of my left foot came down with the full force of my weight on the hard edge of the shoe. While it hurt momentarily, I walked on it for the rest of the evening with no apparent injury. However, I awoke a 3:00 a.m. in the greatest pain, my foot was swollen on the bottom. I could not move my foot in any direction without pain, nor separate my toes or place my foot on the floor without great pain, so I was crawling around my apartment, and then used a folding metal chair as a walker, feeling like quite an old codger. I was convinced I had broken a small bone somewhere in my foot, and I was thinking I'd have to call my son to help me to the doctor the next morning for an x-ray, and I was worried how I'd get up and down two flights of stairs, drive my 5-speed, work, etc, with a cast on my foot. I wondered what to do in the meantime for the pain, and then remembered when I was in the South and had an ingrown wart on the bottom of my foot and it was so painful I could not walk on it. Someone suggested, of all things, that I put a piece of ripe banana peel on it. I thought that sounded odd, to say the least, but was willing to try anything. I taped a little piece of ripe banana peel over the spot and wore it for maybe two and a half days (changing it after showering), and the plantar wart was completely gone and never came back!

I'd had a banana a while before bedtime the night of my recent slipping shoe incident, and fished the peel out of the garbage (which was clean, because I hurt my foot while emptying my garbage). I first spread the bottom of my foot in the gel from an aloe leaf, then placed the leaf itself over the spot, then covered the whole bottom of my foot with the ripe banana peel, wrapped it all over with plastic, and used some non-adhesive stretch sprain tape and taped up my foot and ankle. Within a few hours my foot was completely better, no swelling, no bruising, no pain. The Lord has placed amazing healing properties in the plant kingdom. I do not see why it would not work for any kind of injury, swelling, or ache. I've heard of raw cabbage leaves relieving pain, and my dad told me his mother used to put raw onion poultices on their sprains and that worked too. Perhaps any raw food would do, just as raw foods will provide the body what is necessary to heal us inside. I once read that someone in the wilderness wrapped grass around an injury and the action of the chlorophyll healed the wound. Lovingly, A friend, K.H.-CO

P.S. On a recent NPR broadcast, a woman was interviewing a man who was telling of the development of a computer implant for people who had certain diseases. The broadcaster asked a question something like this: "Do you think we will ever have something like that for everyone and we will just run out hand over a scanner in the grocery store?" The man answered, "It's not a question of if, but when. Yes, definitely." If we live through the last days with every earthly support cut off, we will need to have confidence in what the Lord has supplied for us in nature.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS OF PRACTICING THE HEALING ART; BUT **THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY THAT HEAVEN APPROVES.** GOD'S REMEDIES ARE THE SIMPLE AGENCIES OF NATURE, THAT WILL NOT TAX OR DEBILITATE THE SYSTEM THROUGH THEIR POWERFUL PROPERTIES. PURE AIR AND WATER, CLEANLINESS, A PROPER DIET, PURITY OF LIFE, AND A FIRM TRUST IN GOD, ARE REMEDIES FOR THE WANT OF WHICH THOUSANDS ARE DYING; YET THESE REMEDIES ARE GOING OUT OF DATE BECAUSE THEIR SKILLFUL USE REQUIRES WORK THAT THE PEOPLE DO NOT APPRECIATE. FRESH AIR, EXERCISE, PURE WATER, AND CLEAN, SWEET PREMISES, ARE WITHIN THE REACH OF ALL, WITH BUT LITTLE EXPENSE; BUT DRUGS ARE EXPENSIVE, BOTH IN THE OUTLAY OF MEANS, AND THE EFFECT PRODUCED UPON THE SYSTEM. *COUNSELS ON DIETS AND FOODS, 301.*