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Seventh-day Adventism is experiencing a shaking. The rumblings are within; they are clear; they are distinct. Yet, to some, they are wholly untraceable—they are not known or perceived. This lack of knowledge can be accidental or willingly negligent; none-the-less this shaking exists. The quakes and rumblings have been theological in nature; it has gone on unbeknownst to the laity and therefore undenounced by the laity—but it's time for that mindset to change. It is time for each and every Seventh-day Adventist to take a personal responsibility for our religion.

The prophet clearly tells us what the world needs; it is not yes men and women; it is not careless sinful individuals; it is not the willingly indifferent:

The greatest want of the world is the want of men,—men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; **men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.**

(Ellen White, Education, p. 57).

In the spirit of Elijah and the love of Christ Pastor Bill Hughes presents this sad, but necessary volume.

We must face the facts: in the last few decades Adventism has been on a downward spiral. Since the 50s, we have watered-down our messages, changed our diets, changed our music, changed our Bibles, changed our doctrines on sanctification, atonement, and prophecy (which you will read about in the coming

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chapters), until now we are holding ecumenical meetings with the historic enemies of Christ. Ecumenical charters were signed with Catholics in January 2020; Earth Harvest 2020 in July where Adventist representatives joined hands with leaders of the environmental movement; more ecumenical meetings were held in October 2020—only this time virtually because of COVID-19. How did we get here?

It seems like nothing is really taken seriously anymore; and we rarely get definitive biblical answers from sermons, regardless of the topic. Is this sort of ceremonial religion of forms and rituals acceptable to God? Of course not—we all know that deep down. When we ask our leadership, we get political answers; not heartfelt zeal and love for the Three Angel’s Messages. By the way, when was the last time you heard a message from a mainstream Adventist Church that spoke plainly on the Three Angel’s Messages, the Mark of the Beast, the Antichrist, apostate Protestantism, the Sanctuary, sanctification, or righteousness by faith? What will change this downward spiral?—only a reformation and revival starting with us as individuals.

As we see the curtain closing on this world, we must recognize the time of our visitation—and since “judgment must begin at the house of God” (1 Pet. 4:17), we ought to be doing all we can to prepare now. We must be pleading for God to help us to overcome sin, and preach his truth boldly—even to our own church. Again the prophet warns:

Some, I saw, **did not participate in this work of agonizing and pleading. They seemed indifferent and careless.** They were not resisting the darkness around them, and it shut them in like a thick cloud. The angels of God left these and went to the aid of the earnest,

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praying ones. I saw angels of God hasten to the assistance of all who were struggling with all their power to resist the evil angels and trying to help themselves by calling upon God with perseverance. But **His angels left those who made no effort to help themselves**, and I lost sight of them. **I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans.** This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God's people. (Ellen White, Early Writings, p. 270).

The message is solemn, and the time is far spent. Are we going to be the ones to give the straight testimony? Or rise up against it? Unfortunately, we must choose—we cannot have both. Are we going to heed the call to “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and **shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins**” (Is. 58:1).

The message of this book is for God's true watching ones. The ones that “sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst” (Ez. 9:4) of the denomination; and also for the sleeping ones. We must, as I have said take hold of our message on an individual basis—take responsibility and refuse to accept the false doctrines and deeds coming from our leadership. Again, we must heed the warning of the prophet concerning our allegiances (which must be to God and not man):

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I saw that God has honest children among the **nominal Adventists and the fallen churches**, and before the plagues shall be poured out, ministers and people **will be called out from these churches and will gladly receive the truth**. Satan knows this; and before the loud cry of the third angel is given, **he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them**. He hopes to **deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches**. But the light will shine, and all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant. (Ellen White, Early Writings, p. 261).

Please, if you have a prejudice because you think Pastor Hughes' intention with this work is to cause destruction, you are mistaken. The studied aim of this work is to speak the truth in love; and ask Adventists everywhere to analyze the facts here presented and decide for yourself. As the name of the book entails, Adventists everywhere, now is the time to *Remember Your Name*. Remember what you stand for. Remember prophecy. Remember health principles, Remember the warnings of Ellen White. Remember who we are today and who we are supposed to be. We have an important last-day mission from Christ Himself, founded on the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. Read the facts and prayerfully consider what the Holy Spirit is saying to you.

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Chapter 1: Adventist Leaders and the Evangelical Earthquake

Some feel apostasy is too strong a word to describe the state of the Seventh-day Adventist Church today. However, “apostasy” is defined as: “1. **An abandonment of what one has professed**; a total desertion, or departure from one’s faith or religion.” (Noah Webster’s Dictionary, 1828, “Apostasy”). An apostasy is a an abandonment of principles of faith, and, as we will see throughout this book, there is not a more fitting word to describe what is going on in Adventism today.

Adventist apostasy began *in earnest* in the mid-1950s. At that time, evangelical conferences were held between Adventist leaders and leaders in the evangelical community. The following material is sourced from a book by Herbert Douglass. The author, Herbert Douglass was, during these evangelical meetings, working in the *General Conference* for the *Review and Herald* and *personally knew* the Adventist leaders involved in these historic meetings. Douglass’ book titled “A Fork in the Road” records in detail, the doctrinal fallout of those evangelical conferences.

In editing the Annotated Edition of Questions on Doctrine, George Knight spoke for many in

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his usual fresh way, when he wrote that Questions on Doctrine became the most divisive book in the Adventist world over the last fifty years. Many believe that denominational confusion in the Seventh-day Adventist Church ever since has been the devastating price paid for this theological detour. Those who think otherwise have been in an historic/theological coma. . . . (Herbert Douglass, *A Fork in the Road*, p. 18).

The fundamental problem in 1955-1957 was that the participants unwittingly tried to merge two different theological systems without realizing all the ramifications of doing so. When Adventists try to overlay their theology on the Evangelical grid, warning lights and buzzers should be going off—many areas simply won't fit. Neither the Evangelicals nor the Adventists seemed to see some of the basic doctrines that created this Grand Canyon between Calvinism and the Adventist form of Arminianism. . . . (Ibid., p. 19).

Among other issues, when I suggested that most independent ministries that thrive in our churches today exist because of what happened in 1957. I got more blank looks—but also a new interest to hear more! Every cause has an effect, and nothing is without cause. And that is why the 50th anniversary conference on the publication of QOD [Questions On Doctrine] took time to look at cause and effect of probably the most "divisive" book in Adventist history. (Ibid., p. 20).

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The whole QOD dance began with a letter of special appreciation (November 28, 1949) from T.E. Unruh, president of the East Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, to Dr. Donald Barnhouse, editor of the influential Eternity magazine, after hearing his radio address on "righteousness by faith" in 1949. Barnhouse was astonished that an Adventist leader would commend him, when Barnhouse was convinced that Adventists believed in "righteousness by works." Barnhouse also noted that Adventists had a "satanic and dangerous" Christology. But Unruh hung in with several exchanges of letters. In one of them he enclosed Steps to Christ, "affirming the Evangelical character of Adventist doctrine." And Barnhouse fired back in an Eternity article on "How to Read Religious Books," stating that Steps was "false in all its parts," bearing the "mark of the counterfeit" from the first page. He also charged that Steps to Christ promoted "universalism ... half-truths and Satanic error ... so much emphasis on God's love to unregenerate men smacked of universalism." Unruh decided there was no point in continuing the correspondence. No further communication took place between Unruh and Barnhouse from June 1950 until 1955. (Ibid., p. 20-21).

Now enters Walter Martin, a young researcher with a reputation in the Evangelical world as a specialist in non-Christian cult and one of Barnhouse's consulting editors on Eternity. He

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was finishing up his next book on *The Rise of the Cults*, in which he categorized Seventh-day Adventists as one of "The Big Five"—Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, Mormonism, Unity, and Seventh-day Adventists. But it seems that the Holy Spirit was urging him to check his facts once more regarding Adventists, because he wanted to treat them fairly. Martin turned to Toby Unruh, because he had been reading the correspondence between Unruh and Barnhouse of five years before. Martin knew of LeRoy Froom for his impressive major work on the history of prophetic interpretation. He asked Unruh for a meeting in Washington, D.C., where he could interview Froom and other leaders in preparation for his upcoming book on the cult. The rest is history. The stage was set for a frank, open discussion on the vital issues that troubled Martin and Barnhouse. Unruh and Froom asked Walter Read, a field secretary of the General Conference and biblical linguist, to join them, believing that this was a dramatic moment in Adventist history to improve the Adventist image with Evangelicals. A short time later Roy Allan Anderson, editor of *Ministry*, was asked to join the study group. These conferences began in March 1955 and ended in May 1956. (*Ibid.*, p. 22-24)

Sadly, the leading Adventists were more interested in their image among Evangelicals than their standing with God and alignment with the truth. As it turned out, two monumental theological doctrines were sacrificed on the altar of worldly advantage:

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At that point began the attempt to merge two theological tectonic plates. Froom, Read, and Anderson convinced Martin and Barnhouse that the troublesome issues such as the human nature of Christ and the larger view of the atonement were, as Barnhouse wrote, the products of "the lunatic fringe as there are similar wild-eyed irresponsibles in every field of fundamental Christianity." The fat was in the fire! At least M.L. Andreasen, long-time Adventism's leading theologian, read Barnhouse's article and found himself among the "lunatic fringe," along with most other Adventist writers who emphasized the human experience of Jesus and His two-phased atonement. (Ibid., p. 26-27).

The language of Douglass "the fat was in the fire!" implies that Froom, Anderson, and Read effectively made a burnt offering of two of the most important doctrines in Seventh-day Adventism.

The two huge issues during the evangelical conferences centered around *the nature of Christ* and the ongoing *atonement of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary*. The professed Adventist trio of Froom, Anderson, and Read emphatically declared that *Christ took the nature of Adam before he fell* and that *the atonement was finished at the cross*. The compromise of these two doctrines is like a domino-effect. Note a statement by Froom from the book "*Questions on Doctrine*" where he makes the argument about Christ's nature, "Although born in the flesh, He was nevertheless God, and **was exempt from the inherited passions and pollutions that corrupt the natural descendants of Adam** (Questions on Doctrine, Leroy Froom, p. 383, emphasis added). Froom makes another

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statement in his book “*Movement of Destiny*” where he makes the case that the atonement was finished at the cross:

Then, similarly, as regards our basic Adventist beliefs on the Eternal Verities—the eternal pre-existence and complete Deity of Christ, His miraculous conception and virgin birth and sinless life during the Incarnation, His vicarious atoning death on the Cross—once for all and all-sufficient—His literal resurrection and ascension, His Mediation before the Father, **applying the benefits of the completed Act of Atonement He had made on the Cross.** And climaxing with His personal, premillennial, Second Advent, which we firmly believe to be imminent, but without setting a time (*Movement of Destiny*, Leroy Froom, p. 478, emphasis added).

One other issue would also surface in the ensuing months, years, and decades. Adventists would seek to *eliminate their distinctive stand on end-time prophecy pertaining to the role of the Papacy and Apostate Protestantism!* In fact, in the SS (Sabbath School) lessons of 1958, there was a study was on the book of Revelation. The prophetic study portion regarding Revelation 13 and the Beast powers were left out entirely!

From this time, many SDA's (Seventh-day Adventists) have become tongue-tied when asked to identify the beasts in Revelation 13! Having removed Adventism's historical position on the Papacy and Apostate Protestantism, the door has opened for Adventism to enter into ecumenical and interfaith meetings with the Antichrist power and Apostate

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Protestantism. They have been gobbled up by the ecumenical movement of today!

There was a spiritual earthquake from 1955-1957 in Adventism, and this *evangelical earthquake* still rumbles in Adventism today. It still shakes, destroying Adventism's unique messages for the last days. Let us remember why we are here! These are the marching orders for SDAs throughout the world:

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** [keep the commandments and hate evil, Prov. 8:13; Ecc. 12:13], and **give glory to him** [bear fruit/have good works and work for new believers, plus practicing proper diet and health principles, John 15:8; 1 Cor 10:31]; for the **hour of his judgment is come** [*atonement continues* in the Most Holy Place at 1844, Lev. 16 & 23; Daniel 8:14; Rev. Rev 3:7-12]: and **worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters** [worship associated with creation: Sabbath Commandment is the seal of God which hearkens back to creation, Ex. 20:8-11; Gen. 2:1-3]. 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 [Protestants who rejected the Second Coming message of 1844, the Sabbath, and the Judgment message are now fallen and make up a part of the spiritual city of Babylon in the last days, as Daniel 8:14 is unlocked and understood to be fulfilled in 1844, anyone who

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rejected those messages is warned by the Second Angel, study Rev. 3:7-13; Rev. 10:9-11; Rev. 12:17, Rev. 22:14]. 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** [Don't receive the mark of the beast, which is the false Sabbath/Sunday Sacredness or we will receive the wrath of God]; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever [they will burn without rest until they are finally consumed, Mal. 4:1-3; Is. 66:14]: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God [keep the Law including the Sabbath], and the faith of Jesus [righteousness by faith, not saved in sin] (Revelation 14:6-12, emphasis added).

In the end there is really just one question we must ask ourselves: Will we spread the truth God has given us, or will we condone the apostasy in God's Remnant?

Chapter 2: Uncle Arthur's

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Arthur Maxwell is most famous for his Bedtime and Bible stories. These sets of books are classics. To be frank, one would wish that that was the end of Uncle Arthur's story. Tragically, "Uncle Arthur" has another legacy. He tasted the evangelical, ecumenical pill, and followed in the footsteps of Froom, Anderson, and Read.

"Uncle" Arthur S. Maxwell, was Editor of the *Signs of the Times* during the Roman Catholic Ecumenical Council named Vatican II from 1962-1965. He attended this meeting and gave an eyewitness report on Vatican Council II in a sermon given at the University Church at Loma Linda, California. The title of his sermon, "The Outstretched Hand," reveals the tone of his message. In his discourse, Maxwell disclosed the names of leading Seventh-day Adventists that had attended Vatican Council II and also his feelings while there. The following is an excerpt from that message.

First, the friendliness of the welcome. You see, I've been there several times, that is, to Rome.

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Always a sort of an iciness there, but not anymore, not anymore! And it was evident in so many ways. For instance, in the giving of these press passes, **Brother Loewen** was there from **Religious Liberty**, **Brother Cottrell** from the **Review and Herald**, **Brother Beach** was there from northern Europe, and I was there from the Signs, and provided, you had a good reason for asking for a pass, you got it. If you were an editor or a correspondent for a real newspaper, they gave the pass, and they gave them to people of all faiths. Here, four Adventists got these passes. I thought you would like to see mine. It's the only document I have which has the crossed keys and the triple crown on it. I have to be careful when I show this. I don't want anybody to think I'm going over to the Church of Rome. But it is a very nice little pass, and it was very valuable. This little pass got me anywhere I wanted to go at the time of the council. Then, another aspect of the friendliness-the way they arranged for the press of the world to have the best seats at the opening ceremony. **I sat closer to the Pope than any of the cardinals. I was only forty feet away from him for three or four hours, and I had the clearest view, just as clear as some of you forty feet away. The reason I know he was forty feet away-I stepped it out after the service was over, because I thought, "Nobody will ever believe me, that I sat so long, so near to His Holiness."** But I had a wonderful view, and I saw some most fascinating close-up views which I won't tell you now, but I would tell some of you privately-some very, very interesting little

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human details, which you see only when you're very close in. (Arthur Maxwell, Sermon: The Outstretched Hand, given at Loma Linda University Church in 1968, emphasis added).

Uncle Arthur, who was also a Pastor as well as editor of Signs of the Times, went on to express his excitement of being selected by the priest who was officiating the press briefing:

And after I had asked a few questions, imagine my thrill when he said, when I put my hand up again, "Maxwell, Signs of the Times." **Oh brother, I knew I had arrived! Oh boy! In the presence of the world press and *Time* and *Life* and all the rest of them, and he [the priest] knew the difference. Oh that was good! That did my soul a lot of good when he said, "Maxwell, Signs of the Times."** (Arthur Maxwell, Sermon: The Outstretched Hand, given at Loma Linda University Church in 1968, emphasis added).

Does this sound like a man who believes that the Roman Catholic Church System is the great Harlot of Babylon; the Antichrist power on earth, and greatest enemy of Jesus Christ? For our last quote, please prayerfully notice Maxwell's conclusion and ask yourself honestly if these words could be described in any other way than *apostasy*—an abandonment of one-professed truths:

We must rethink our approach to our Roman Catholic friends. How can we reject an outstretched hand and be Christians? How can we say they belong to antichrist when they reveal so many beautiful Christian attitudes? (Arthur Maxwell,

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Sermon: The Outstretched Hand, given at Loma Linda University Church in 1968, emphasis added).

We must rethink our approach to our Roman Catholic friends? His Holiness? Maxwell had a wonderful view? How could a Seventh-day Adventist who believes that the Roman Catholic Church System is the Antichrist power say such things? Had Arthur never read in Great Controversy where Mrs. White says, "**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.**" (Ellen White, The Great Controversy, p. 571, emphasis added). Doesn't Arthur Maxwell know that we are warned that Rome does *not* change?

Arthur Maxwell was sitting within 40 feet of the then pope, Paul VI. The pope's given name is Giovanni Battista Montini. He was the pope from 1963-1978. During Paul VI's tenure, the Vatican engaged in the spreading of drugs throughout the world. According to former Catholic author Paul Williams, the Vatican laundered dirty drug money for the CIA and the Mafia and made untold trillions of dollars in the process. Paul Williams reveals that the papacy under Pope Paul VI made possible the proliferation of heroin. First, the heroin was produced in the Shan Plateau region of Burma and finally was produced in the Helmand Valley of Afghanistan. William's book describes a secret alliance forged at the close of World War II by the CIA, the Sicilian and US mafias, and the Vatican to thwart the possibility of a Communist invasion of Europe.

Journalist Paul L. Williams presents evidence showing the existence of "stay-behind" units in many European countries consisting of five thousand to

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fifteen thousand military operatives. According to the author's research, the initial funding for these guerilla armies came from the sale of large stocks of SS (Nazi) morphine that had been smuggled out of Germany and Italy and of bogus British bank notes that had been produced in concentration camps by skilled counterfeiters.

As the Cold War intensified, the units were used not only to ward off possible invaders, but also to thwart the rise of left-wing movements in South America and NATO-based countries by terror attacks. Williams shows that *Operation Gladio* soon gave rise to the toppling of governments, wholesale genocide, the formation of death squads, financial scandals on a grand scale, the creation of the mujahideen (an international narcotics network) and, most recently, the ascendancy of Jorge Mario Bergoglio, a Jesuit cleric with strong ties to Operation Condor (an outgrowth of Gladio in Argentina) as Pope Francis I. All this material is in William's book "Operation Gladio: The Unholy Alliance Between the Vatican, The CIA, and The Mafia." It is noteworthy to mention that Williams is a former Catholic.

And, Arthur Maxwell calls this drug running, murderer, "His Holiness?" What was Maxwell thinking? The Bible, in symbolic language, depicts the papacy—of which Pope Paul VI was the visible head—as the little horn power of Daniel 7, the final king of the north of Daniel 11, Jezebel of revelation 2:20, the first beast of Revelation 13, and the great whore Babylon in Revelation 17—and Maxwell calls the head of the Papal System "His Holiness?" And this from an Adventist titan in his day!

Remember, this is not an indictment against the many God-fearing people deceived in Romanism, but is rather a condemnation of Pope Paul VI's antics

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during his pontificate and a *confirmation of the Biblical record!* And while this evil was taking place, Maxwell was suggesting that we ought to “rethink our approach” to this system? Why because you had a great time at an ecumenical meeting? Do we walk by faith or by sight? The Bible and Ellen White clearly outline that the papacy as the *great enemy of God, His people, and the world.*

The following is an excerpt from Paul Williams' book,

Much of the business between the CIA and the Vatican began to be conducted at the annual gatherings of the SMOM in Rome and New York. Cardinal Francis Spellman presided over the proceedings and sanctioned future strategies against the Communist forces in Europe in the name of the pope. — Since the Vatican played such an essential part in Gladio, William Colby, the CIA station chief in Rome, had microphones planted throughout the papal apartments so the Agency could monitor the pope's conversations and those of his staff. This snooping would persist until 1984. The Vatican now became a principal depository not only for black funds but also top-secret documents, including CIA files relating to the development of nuclear weapons. One of these documents, never declassified, surfaced in 2006 during the process of discovery in *Alperin v. Vatican Bank*, a class action suit by Holocaust survivors who claimed the IOR was the repository of gold that had been stolen from them by the Nazi Croatian government. The Helliwell plan had been implemented. **The Mafia connection had been made. The**

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alliance with the Vatican had been forged.

But there was a problem. Schiaparelli could no longer meet the Agency's increased demand for heroin. The pharmaceutical giant was extended to the limit by providing annual shipments of two hundred kilos to the makeshift laboratories of Luciano and Don Calo.—The Sicilian syndicate and the CIA would have to establish their own drug route in order to meet the current needs and also to develop new markets throughout Europe and the United States. The Sicilians would also have to secure proper facilities and trained scientists to refine the raw product. The heroin that came from the Schiaparelli laboratories was 100% pure and only requiring cutting and packaging. Sources for opium had to be found; the raw product had to be refined into purified No. four heroin; and new markets in the United States had to be developed. Otherwise, the cold war could be lost. (Operation Gladio, Paul Williams, p. 48).

While former Catholic Paul Williams is revealing Vatican history and the connection of popes to the CIA, the Mafia, drug running, and murder, “Uncle Arthur” is drooling over “His Holiness!” Note the difference between the Adventist leader and the former Catholic. The former Catholic exposes the sins of spiritual Babylon in accordance with Ephesians 5:11, while the lifelong SDA is blushing over being selected by a priest in a press briefing; and moreover, encouraging SDAs to stop heralding the message that the pope is the Antichrist; need I say more? What word would you use to describe this behavior?

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Arthur Maxwell's son, Mervyn Maxwell followed suit with this sympathetic tone toward Rome. In his Daniel and Revelation series of books entitled "God Cares," which is in two volumes, Maxwell continually refers to the Antichrist power of Roman Catholicism as "Christian Rome." In an otherwise wholesome historical and prophetic undertaking of Daniel and Revelation, Mervyn—like his father—repeatedly casts the favoring light on Rome and her sins. In the section of God Cares Volume One which discusses the history of Daniel 11, there appears the account of Rome's persecution of true Christians throughout the Dark Ages. However, notice the Maxwell spin on these verses:

The 'wise' who fell 'by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder' (verse 33) were the brave people of God such as the Waldenses, Lollards, Hussites, Lutherans, Anabaptists, and Huguenots, who chose to be hanged or drowned or burned at the stake or tortured or imprisoned rather than give up their living faith (see page 132). **They also likely included devout Roman Catholics who held loyally to God when Protestants in the spirit of medieval tyranny, inflicted counterpersecution.** The king who was to 'exalt himself and magnify himself above every God' (verse 36) was the medieval papacy! **Not that any pope ever intended to do such a thing. No pope intended to place himself above God.** (Mervyn Maxwell, God Cares, Vol. One, p. 296, emphasis added).

Excuse me? "No pope ever intended to place himself above God"? What is Arthur's son talking about? Of course they did! The account given in Daniel 7, 8, and

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11 all agree that the move to usurp God's authority has been malicious and deliberate. The Papacy is not an accidental enemy of God. You don't become the Antichrist, the beast power, and the Whore of Babylon by mistake.

Here are just a few examples of popes who clearly "intended to place" themselves "above God."

Pope Pius V (1566-1572): The Pope and God are the same, so he [the pope] has all power in Heaven and earth. (Pope Pius V, quoted in Barclay, Chapter XXVII, p. 218, Cities Petrus Bertanous).

Pope Gregory IX (1227-1241): Those whom the Pope of Rome doth separate, it is not a man that separates them but God. For the Pope holdeth place on earth, not simply of a man but of the true God. . . . dissolves, not by human but rather by divine authority. . . . I am in all and **above all, so that God Himself and I, the vicar of God, hath both one consistory, and **I am able to do almost all that God can do. . . . wherefore, if those things that I do be said not to be done of man, but of God, what do you make of me but God?** Again, if prelates of the Church be called of Constantine for gods, I then being **above all** prelates, seem by this reason to be **above all gods**" (Decretales Domini Gregori IX Translatione Episcoporum, ("On the Transference of Bishops"), title 7, chapter 3; Corpus Juris Canonice (2nd Leipzig ed., 1881), Column 99; Paris, 1612, emphasis added).**

Pope Boniface VIII (1294-1303): We declare, assert, define and pronounce to be subject to the Roman Pontiff is **to every creature altogether necessary for salvation.** . . . I have the authority of the King of Kings. **I am all in all, and above all, so that God Himself and I, the Vicar of Christ, have but one consistory, and I am able to do almost all that God can do. What therefore, can you make of me but God?"** (Pope Boniface VIII, Papal Bull Unam Sanctum, 1302AD).

It is absolutely clear from history that the Papacy has sought, willingly and consciously, to “place himself above God.”

King David once mourned the fall of the apostate King Saul, and his son Jonathan. The poetic language is applicable today:

The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places: how are the mighty fallen! Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon; lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph. Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil. From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty. Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death, they were not divided: they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. Ye daughters of Israel,

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weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights, who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel. How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, thou wast slain in thine high places. I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished! (2 Samuel 1: 19-27).

Chapter 3: Neal Wilson Under

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In 1971, 24-year-old Merikay McLeod Silver, a writer and devout member of the Seventh-day Adventist church was thrilled to be hired by her church's West Coast [Pacific Press] publishing house. With a woman founder of the church, Ellen G. White, and non-discrimination written into the church's wage guidelines, Merikay expected to be treated equally in every way by her employer. But her expectations were soon shattered. Not only did she earn far less than the other (male) assistant book editor, she earned barely enough to subsist. She filed a class discrimination lawsuit under TITLE VII in 1973 and settled out of court in 1978 as a single litigant, after the judge had reduced the case from a class action sex-discrimination lawsuit to that of a single litigant. Merikay McLeod was supported in her efforts by fellow-employees Lorna & Gus Tobler, her male counterpart, Max Phillips, and her attorney, Joan Bradford. The EEOC [Equal Employment Opportunity

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Commission], using Merikay's evidence, reinstated the class action in 1978, and eventually won the equal-pay battle. In 1983, \$600,000 was distributed to women workers in the publishing house, and wage scales were more equalized throughout the denomination. (Veteran Feminists of America, “Merikay McLeod and Title VII,” taken from: <https://www.veteranfeministsofamerica.org/legacy/MERIKAY%20McLEOD.htm> on March 15, 2021).

The article from Veteran Feminists of America sums up very succinctly what happened to Merikay Silver back in the early 1970s. She received a smaller wage from the Pacific Press for doing the same job as her fellow male editor. This case went on for many years and finally concluded some 12 years later!

While the legal battle between Merikay Silver and the Pacific Press Publishing Association ensued, something else emerged in the court proceedings. . . . The Adventist leaders—the defendants involved in the case, Neal Wilson and others, openly apostatized from core Adventist tenets. Doctrines that Seventh-day Adventists had once believed on a few subjects were stringently denied and outright rejected. While the following material is a bit lengthy, it clearly shows the drama in the court room:

A major turning point in the litigation occurred in November 1974. The Press hired Malcolm T. Dungan, a constitutional lawyer with the San Francisco Firm of Brobeck, Phleger, and Harrison, as the head attorney instead of Donald McNeil. It was his assignment to define the position of the Press and the church in the matter. Working closely with church

leaders, he devised a new approach to the matter: The defense would no longer be a matter of whether the church had obeyed employment and salaries regulations; instead, the matter would be one of religious liberty! In other words, the church did not have to obey any such laws, since there was a separation of church and state! Obviously, such a position, relating as it did to non-religious matters—if approved by the courts—would set the church above the laws of the land! We all fully agree with not obeying the laws of man, when they run counter to the laws of God. But regulations regarding wage differentials are in a different category. According to Dungan, the government had no right to become involved in the internal affairs of the church—regardless of what those affairs might be. It was stated that the entire matter was “a church controversy which ought to be resolved within the church and according to the doctrine of the church.” The reasoning went like this: The Pacific Press is part of the church, and all church workers are “ministers.” The case was, therefore, a controversy between the church and one of its ministers, Merikay Silver. As the Press’s legal brief said: “Just as the initial freedom of selecting a minister is a matter of church administration and government, so are the functions which accompany such a selection. Matters of church government and administration are beyond the purview of civil authorities.” In order to strengthen this position, the church’s leaders, together with their lawyers, went a step further: **They stated that the authority of the Seventh-day**

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Adventist Church was entirely from the top down! The term used to describe it was “**hierarchical.**” The church was described as having “orders of ministers,” with different levels of authority, and a “first minister” at the top: Elder Pierson. To counter this, Merikay’s attorney charged that this represented a major change in the traditional Adventist view. It was said that church leaders were taking on themselves powers which they did not properly possess. **Even the Church Manual, it was stated, ran contrary to this “hierarchical” view.** Because the trial judge (Renfrew) was Episcopalian, a member of a church with a very different church structure, **these presentations, by church leaders, tended to liken the Adventist Church to that of the Catholic;** the implication was that all the men employees were priests, and all the women were nuns—and the church was a vast cloistered house. **In response, Merikay’s attorney noted that the Adventist Church was anti-Catholic. Far from having any similarity to the Catholic governmental system, it actually abhorred popery and all that it stood for! In order to counter that fact, our leadership went on record, in a U.S. federal court of law, as saying that the Seventh-day Adventist Church no longer was “anti-Roman Catholic” in its beliefs!**

Below is the single, most astounding paragraph in all the Pacific Press legal statements. It appears as an added comment over the name of Neal C. Wilson, who, at that time, was vice-president of the North American Division: “Although it is true that

there was a period in the life of the Seventh-day Adventist Church when the denomination took a distinctly anti-Roman Catholic viewpoint, and the term ‘hierarchy’ was used in a pejorative [derogatory, disparaging] sense to refer to the papal form of church government, **that attitude on the church’s part was nothing more than a manifestation of widespread anti-popery among conservative Protestant denominations in the early part of this century and the latter part of the last, and which has now been consigned to the historical trash heap so far as the Seventh day Adventist Church is concerned.**” (Neal C. Wilson, past president of the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference; Court Transcript of United States vs. the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission vs. the Pacific Press Publishing Association and the General Conference. Reply Brief for Defendants, p. 4, Civil Case #74-2025 CBR, presided over by Judge Charles B. Renfrew, U.S. District Court, San Francisco, California, 1974-1975, quoted from Pilgrim’s Rest, Waymarks, “The Merikay Silver Case” part two, p. 6-7, scribd.com retrieved on April 5, 2021 from <https://www.scribd.com/document/184616680/Merikay-Silver-Case> emphasis added).

Truly, the above statement is nothing less than sensational in its implications! (1) Our denomination once considered “hierarchy” to be a terrible form of government, since it was the form used by the papacy. But we no longer

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consider a “top controlling everything below it” form of church government to be bad. (2) Although earlier in our history our church held to a definitive anti-Catholic position, we are no longer in any sense “anti-Catholic.” Therefore, we must now be pro-Catholic! (Ibid., p. 7).

This is literally an example of open *apostasy* from foundational Adventist beliefs and doctrines—no other word can accurately describe it! And these statements were made—not last week—but in the 1970s! And where has been the great Adventist upheaval over it all? Silence, and worse, Neal Wilson—even after these comments—went on to become the General Conference President; the apostasy was effectively rewarded.

Neil Wilson, a then vice president of the General Conference, under oath, declared that Seventh-day Adventists anti-popery stance was simply part of the trend in other Protestant denominations in the early part of this century and the latter part of the last. This is utterly shocking! We were anti-Romanism because that was the trend at that time? Is that true? Did God raise up Seventh-day Adventism to follow the lead of the other Apostate Protestant denominations? What about the third angel’s message that warns against honoring Romanism, which it calls “the beast” power?

What about the masterpiece called “The Great Controversy” that warns about Rome’s working in the past, present, and future? Listen to the words from this amazing book,

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

and modes of operation. She is employing every device to extend her influence and increase her power in preparation for a fierce and determined conflict to regain control of the world, to re-establish persecution, and to undo all that Protestantism has done. Catholicism is gaining ground upon every side. See the increasing number of her churches and chapels in Protestant countries. Look at the popularity of her colleges and seminaries in America, so widely patronized by Protestants. Look at the growth of ritualism in England and the frequent defections to the ranks of the Catholics. These things should awaken the anxiety of all who prize the pure principles of the gospel. (Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 565,-566).

Neil Wilson's comment that says that SDAs only believed ill of the papacy because that was the bigotry in the 19th century is outlandish, and follows the trend of modern Adventism, which has been to water-down the truths of Scripture. Then, Wilson puts the capstone on his statement by saying the idea of Romanism being the anti-Christ "has now been consigned to the historical trash heap so far as the Seventh day Adventist Church is concerned." Wilson just threw the three angel's messages into the trash can! Wilson just threw the Great Controversy into the trash can! Wilson just threw the Seventh-day Adventist Church into the trash can! The Seventh-day Adventist Church was raised up to proclaim the Three Angel's Messages of Revelation 14:6-12. By throwing the Third Angel's Message in the garbage, the purpose for

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Adventism's existence has been relegated to the trash!
This is unbelievable!

For this statement, Neil Wilson should have been given his severance pay. He should have been removed from denominational employment. **Instead, for his faithfulness in carrying out Rome's bidding, he was elevated to be the president of the denomination and did this from 1979-1990.**

The free fall to apostasy began in earnest in the 1950s, picked up steam with Arthur Maxwell's pitiful sermon in Loma Linda following Vatican II in the 1960s, and furthered in the Court Case of Merikay McLeod vs The Pacific Press in the 1970s.

Neil Wilson effectively told the world that the Seventh-day Adventists' understanding of the Papacy as the *Anti-Christ* is now in the garbage bin; doctrinal deadwood. Tragically, this slide down the slippery slope *to perdition* is laid out very clear in the Bible. Anyone who dares to throw in their lot with Romanism will have a clear-cut destination; for we read,

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: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." (Revelation 14:9-11).

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In spite of this bold apostasy from the truth, the great messages of Revelation continue to march on to victory. Will you continue to *go with the flow*, or will you stand for the great truths and great mission God has given to us as a people in these last days?

Chapter 4: The BEM Document

January, 1982. The place was Lima, Peru. Representatives from all the major denominations throughout the world would be in attendance. The purpose was to sign a *document* that would show the unity that now existed among the churches of today. This would be the greatest ecumenical meeting to date in modern history. The goal was to focus on two issues that divided the churches in the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries; namely, *baptism*, and *the eucharist*; and to make sure that no teachings would possibly split them again. The following is taken directly from the Lima Text:

The statement published here marks a major advance in the ecumenical journey. The result of a fifty-year process of study and consultation, this text on Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry represents a theological convergence that has been achieved thorough decades of dialogue, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Over 100 theologians met in Lima, Peru in January 1982, and recommended unanimously to transmit this agreed statement—the Lima Text—for the common study and official response of the churches. They represented virtually all the

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major church traditions: Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Old Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican, Reformed, Methodist, United, Disciples, Baptists, **Adventists**, and Pentecostal. “The churches” response to this agreed statement will be a vital step of the ecumenical process of reception. (Baptism Eucharist and Ministry, Faith and Order paper no. 111, the “Lima Text”, emphasis added).

Dr. Raoul Dederen, professor at the Seminary at Andrews University at the time, was the Seventh-day Adventist representative at this meeting. The World Council of Churches called it,

This famous text, adopted by Faith and Order at its plenary commission meeting in Lima, Peru in 1982, explores the growing agreement - and remaining differences - in fundamental areas of the churches' faith and life. The most widely-distributed and studied ecumenical document, BEM has been a basis for many "mutual recognition" agreements among churches and remains a reference today. (World Council of Churches, website, “Baptism Eucharist and Ministry, Faith and Order paper no. 111, the ‘Lima Text’”, retrieved on March 15, 2021 from <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/baptism-eucharist-and-ministry-faith-and-order-paper-no-111-the-lima-text>).

Everything that had caused division in the past and everything causing division in the present had to be eliminated. Let us look at the issues at stake in both time frames. The synopsis of the purposes of the

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document are these: “**1. Baptism:** To encourage all churches to make no issue of the mode of or the age at baptism. If adult consent and decision baptism is practiced by immersion, that is acceptable, as equally is infant sprinkling.” (Colin and Russel Standish, “Spiritism in the Seventh-day Adventist Church,” 1995, p. 87). This issue was historically an extremely divisive doctrine. Many reformers clung to infant baptism. The great Swiss reformer, Ulrich Zwingli,

realized that to get rid of infant baptism would break the connection between the church and state and would establish a free church independent of the state. He drew back, “It is better not to preach it (infant baptism) until the world is ready to take it.” (Verduin, *The Reformers and their Stepchildren*, p. 199).

In past ages, myriads of God’s faithful people died because they believed in *adult believer’s baptism by complete immersion*, and because they held *infant baptism to be wholly unscriptural*.

Felix Manz, who had sworn to leave Zurich and not to baptize any more, had deliberately returned and continued the practice. After he was arrested and tried, he was executed on 5 January 1527 by being drowned in the Limmat river. He was the first Anabaptist martyr; three more were to follow, after which all others either fled or were expelled from Zurich. (Burkhardt, *Ferne* July 9, 2004, “Mennonite World Conference Press Release”).

The hope of the Lima ecumenical gathering was to put an end to division over the subject of baptism, and thus mock the deaths of the brave men and

women who were willing to die rather than compromise this truth.

2. Eucharist: . . . to encourage all to accept equally the various concepts, whether they be trans-substantiation, con-substantiation, or the fact that the bread and wine are symbols of the broken body and spilled blood of Jesus Christ. When we recognize the absolutely blasphemous claims of the Roman Catholic Church, which claims that the priest is the creator of his Creator, that in the wafer he creates Christ in reality; when one considers the claims that the priest can move Christ here and there, backward and forward, . . . no earnest Seventh-day Adventist could ever accept such an abominable compromise. (Colin and Russel Standish, "Spiritism in the Seventh-day Adventist Church," 1995, p. 87).

Also, myriads of God's people in the past *lost their lives* because they refused to accept such blasphemous claims of the Papacy. In fact, the refusal to accept the spiritual dogma surrounding the Eucharist was the number one recorded offense against "heretics" in death sentences during the Inquisitions and persecutions against true Christians. The Eucharist had caused tremendous division throughout several centuries and the hope of the BEM document and the Lima meeting was to end this division. But can a faithful Bible-believing Christian compromise truth for worldly peace and unity?

Finally the last BEM agreement was "**3. Ministry:** . . . to encourage all churches to work for the unchurched, but never to proselytize from other churches" (Ibid., p. 87). While, of course, everyone

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must be involved in reaching the “unchurched,” this does not mean we omit the proclamation to the *world loving churches*:

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **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. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. (Revelation 18:4-7, emphasis added).

To embrace this BEM document would be to renounce the Second and Third Angel’s Messages. Both of these messages are calls to those in *Apostate Protestant AND Catholic churches* to “come out” of these false organizations. What agreement can we, as a denomination have with either of these groups? The BEM document was a theological sniper shot at the very heart of God’s final messages to the world, and to accept this would be a slap in heaven’s face!

Most of God’s people are still in Apostate Protestant and Catholic churches. Who will reach them with the truth if not us? These dear people are following the Lord with all their heart and living up to all the light that has crossed their path. The Lord loves them and will send light and truth to them so they can see the vital truths for this time and follow Him completely, fully, and unreservedly!

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It is true that there are real Christians in the Roman Catholic communion. Thousands in that church are serving God according to the best light they have. They are not allowed access to His word, and therefore they do not discern the truth . . . They have never seen the contrast between a living heart service and a round of mere forms and ceremonies. God looks with pitying tenderness upon these souls, educated as they are in a faith that is delusive and unsatisfying. He will cause rays of light to penetrate the dense darkness that surrounds them. He will reveal to them the truth as it is in Jesus, and many will yet take their position with His people. (Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 565).

No Seventh-day Adventist could ever agree to the heinous claims of the BEM document! No Seventh-day Adventist could accept all manner of baptism and all the different understandings of the eucharist! No Seventh-day Adventist would dare to throw out the Second and Third Angel's Messages in exchange for a false unity!

However, in spite of these facts, the Seventh-day Adventist Denominational Leaders had a representative at the Lima meetings in 1982. It was Andrews University professor Raoul Dederen. When speaking in Berrien Springs several years ago, this author [Bill Hughes] was unabashedly told by a faculty member at Andrews that **Dr. Dederen was born into the Catholic faith and was trained by the Jesuit Order**. Since no Seventh-day Adventist could have ever signed the BEM document—and Dederen did—is it possible that Dederen was planted in the Seventh-day Adventist Church to carry out the Jesuit goal for

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Adventism to be immersed in the ecumenical, one-world church? The evidence overwhelmingly suggests that this is exactly what Dederen did! And Dederen, like Samuel Bacchiochi, was a Jesuit plant in Adventism! Dederen and Bacchiochi did their job well!

If it were not bad enough that professed Adventists traded away their last day calling at Lima, Peru by sacrificing the Three Angel's Messages via the signing of the BEM document, this historic episode also brought about the changing of the SDA logo. Having come into Adventism in 1977, this author remembers vividly seeing on church letterhead, church marques, church books, and the like, the old logo of the Three Angel's Messages blowing trumpets over the globe. A simple, yet pointed illustration of our unique calling to the world.

However, by the mid-1980s, shortly after the signing of the BEM document, something had drastically changed. The Three Angels had disappeared and now there were two sets of flames or *wavy lines* along with, what appears to be an *upside down cross* and an open Bible. Figure 4.1 shows the SDA logo before the ecumenical-apostate meetings in Peru, and the Figure 4.2 shows the new logo—after the BEM agreement.

Which figure better communicates our mission? (See next page).



Figure 4.1

Compare with the new logo:



Figure 4.2

Amazingly enough, the symbol for the BEM document had a similar *three wavy lines* in its official logo (Figure 4.3). Is that a coincidence, do you think? Before BEM, our message was clear on our logo; today—it is vague and directionless. The new logo obviously represented Adventism's embrace of the drive for a one-world ecumenical church! The die was

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cast and it has been downhill ever since for Seventh-day Adventism! “How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!” (2 Samuel 1:27). How long will we sleep?

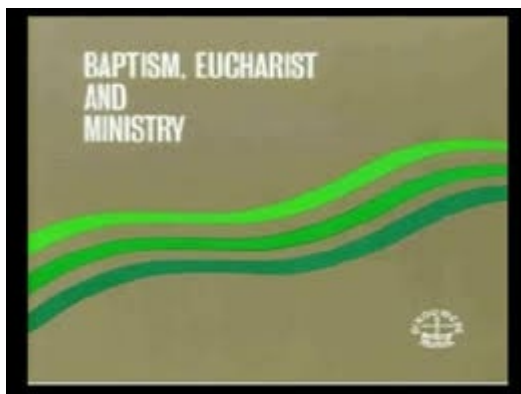


Figure 4.3

Those who condemn history as a mere rattling of ancient skeletons only betray their unfamiliarity with the subject. . . . It is impossible to understand our times without a knowledge of the conditions which brought them about; and it is equally impossible to make intelligent decisions for the future if we have only an uncomprehending view of the age in which we live. (John O. Hicks, *The American Nation*, preface).

Chapter 5: George Vandeman and Roy Adams

Sometime back in the early 1990s, this author was frustrated by the lack of solid, Bible teaching in the denomination; and the lack of a ringing cry of the Three Angel's Messages. Somewhere in his library, he came across a book called "The Rise and Fall of Anti-Christ" by George E. Vandeman. Finally, someone in the modern day refusing to pull punches! The title sounded like just the book that could give a clarion call to "prepare to meet thy God." Since the author of this book was *the prince of Adventist preachers* George Vandeman, host of the religious show *It is Written*—this book was a no brainer. Vandeman's work would surely hit the mark!

Looking over the table of contents, this author noticed the chapter called "The Antichrist Revealed" starting on page 49. After perusing the chapter, this is what this author found,

These were dark ages for the church. How could Christians be so intolerant of their brothers and sisters in Christ? Jesus had predicted that those who killed His followers would sincerely think they were serving God. . . **It is not for us to question our medieval**

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ancestors. . . Nor must we overlook the good done by the church. Throughout the world, **monasteries provided care for orphans, widows, and the sick. And all of us owe appreciation to the church of the Middle Ages for preserving the Scriptures.**
(George Vandeman, *The Rise and Fall of the Anti-Christ*, p. 54-55).

What? Are you kidding me? We owe the Antichrist a debt for *preserving the Scriptures*? Catholicism took the Bible away from the people in the Dark Ages—they burned Bibles and the people who had them.

Clearly, from the context of the book, Vandeman is talking about the Dark Ages from 538-1798 (the 1260 day-year prophecy and reign of the papacy) when the Papacy held dominion over the *church and the state*. Then he says that Christians were killing their fellow brothers and sisters. The clear reference is that the Catholic Church system of the Dark Ages *was* Christian and was killing other Christians like the Waldenses, Huguenots, Lollards, and countless others. Vandeman sounds just like Mervyn Maxwell in *God Cares*.

When did the Papal system become Christian? Answer: NEVER in Scripture does the Bible refer to the Papacy as Christian! In fact, in Revelation 13:2, the Bible tells us that the first beast in that chapter, which is the Papal power, is empowered by none other than Satan himself! You cannot get much more non-Christian than that!

And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: **and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.**” (Revelation 13:2).

Case and point! The Bible says that the Papacy received her power from the dragon, or the devil (see Rev. 12:9); the Papacy received her marching orders from Satan himself, and therefore, was not and could not be Christian at all. It was not Christ's but the devil's bidding being accomplished by Rome!

How dare George Vandeman declare such lies! Should he not know better? Vandeman was not the only one *infected* with this idea that Romanism is Christian. This theology, or lack thereof, smacks of Mervyn Maxwell's fondness for Rome. Mervyn Maxwell said the following shocking words in *God Cares*, Volume One,

Only one entity really fits all eight of these identifying marks—the **Christian church which rose to religiopolitical prominence as the Roman Empire** declined and which enjoyed a special influence over the minds of men between the sixth and the eighteenth centuries. To call this **Christian church the "Roman Catholic" Church can be misleading if Protestants assume that the Roman Catholic Church of, say, the sixth century was one big denomination among others, as it is today. Actually, the Roman Catholic Church was virtually the Christian church in Western Europe for about a thousand years. Because of this early universality, both Protestants and Catholics may regard it as the embodiment of "our" Christian heritage, for better or for worse. And very often it was for the better. Of course! Catholic universities fed the torch of learning in law, medicine, and theology. Most Catholic monasteries-maintained**

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hospitals, virtually the only hospitals that existed, and provided care also for the orphaned and the aged. Catholic Latin provided a lingua franca for diplomacy and commerce, and Catholic schools provided education for diplomats and business clerks.

The Cistercian monks in Britain greatly improved that land's vital wool trade. **Most importantly, Roman Catholic missionaries Christianized large areas of Western Europe and provided pastoral care.**”

(Mervyn Maxwell, *God Cares*, Volume One, p. 121, emphasis added).

The material from Vandeman and Maxwell is both sad and shocking. Are they really saying that the Catholic Church was a blessing throughout the Dark Ages? Are you kidding me!? The Papacy *slaughtered God's true people*, turned untold numbers away from *Jesus as our only High Priest*, attempted to change God's holy, immutable, unchangeable law by *substituting the day of worship from Sabbath to Sunday*; the Papacy *burned the Word of God* wherever it was found in the common tongue of the people, *arrested and killed "heretics" for teaching their children the Lord's Prayer*, and they did all this uncontested, *dominating state governments for 1,260 years*. And this was a blessing to the world? In what reality was this a blessing? Vandeman and Maxwell are both filled with a spirit for the Catholic Church which is clearly not the Holy Spirit! Notice what inspiration says on the matter and you decide if Vandeman and Maxwell are in agreement,

Satan once endeavored to form a compromise with Christ. He came to the Son of God in the wilderness of temptation, and showing Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of

them, offered to give all into His hands if He would but acknowledge the supremacy of the prince of darkness. Christ rebuked the presumptuous tempter and forced him to depart. But Satan meets with greater success in presenting the same temptations to man. To secure worldly gains and honors, **the church was led to seek the favor and support of the great men of earth; and having thus rejected Christ, she was induced to yield allegiance to the representative of Satan—the bishop of Rome.** It is one of the leading doctrines of Romanism that the pope is the visible head of the universal church of Christ, invested with supreme authority over bishops and pastors in all parts of the world. More than this, the pope has been given the very titles of Deity. He has been styled “Lord God the Pope” and has been declared infallible. **He demands the homage of all men. The same claim urged by Satan in the wilderness of temptation is still urged by him through the Church of Rome,** and vast numbers are ready to yield him homage. (Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 50, emphasis added).

No wonder the Great Controversy has been watered-down into the “Great Hope”; so as to leave out such powerful statements as this one!

But Vandeman goes on; he not only wrongly acknowledges the Papal system as a beneficiary to mankind, but he tells another BIG LIE by stating, “**And all of us owe appreciation to the church of the Middle Ages for preserving the Scriptures.**” (George Vandeman, *The Rise and Fall of Anti-Christ*, p. 55). What? The Catholic Church preserved the Bible for us

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throughout the Dark Ages? This is beyond belief; what history books is George Vandeman reading? Anyone who knows anything about history knows that the papacy *burned the Bibles* and tried to keep them away from the common people. They emphatically locked the Word of God in the language of Latin; a language which only the educated knew! For Rome, the Bible was not to be in the hands of the common people—this is why so many have referred to the Medieval Era as *the Dark Ages*; because the darkness of Romanism all but hid the light of God’s Truth from the world!

The Great Controversy tells us about the Protestant Reformer William Tyndale’s struggle to translate the Bible into English. This was a worthy endeavor by a devoted man of God. Notice who stood in the way of Tyndale’s translation, and made his life hell:

A diligent student and an earnest seeker for truth, he had received the gospel from the Greek Testament of Erasmus. He fearlessly preached his convictions, urging that all doctrines be tested by the Scriptures. To the papist claim that the church had given the Bible, and the church alone could explain it, Tyndale responded: **“Do you know who taught the eagles to find their prey? Well, that same God teaches His hungry children to find their Father in His word. Far from having given us the Scriptures, it is you who have hidden them from us; it is you who burn those who teach them, and if you could, you would burn the Scriptures themselves.”**—D’Aubigne, History of the Reformation of the Sixteenth Century, b. 18, ch. 4. Pg. 245. With great earnestness and perseverance, he continued his labors.

Notwithstanding the English authorities had guarded their ports with the strictest vigilance, the word of God was in various ways secretly conveyed to London and thence circulated throughout the country. **The papists attempted to suppress the truth,** but in vain. **The bishop of Durham at one time bought of a bookseller who was a friend of Tyndale his whole stock of Bibles, for the purpose of destroying them,** supposing that this would greatly hinder the work. But, on the contrary, the money thus furnished, purchased material for a new and better edition, which, but for this, could not have been published. **When Tyndale was afterward made a prisoner, his liberty was offered him on condition that he would reveal the names of those who had helped him meet the expense of printing his Bibles.** He replied that the bishop of Durham had done more than any other person; for by paying a large price for the books left on hand, he had enabled him to go on with good courage. (Ibid., p. 247, emphasis added).

George Vandeman, *the prince of Adventist preachers* and head of *It is Written* for decades, flat out lied in his book. Mervyn Maxwell did the same thing. They both told bold faced lies in order to make the Catholic Church look good. And sadly, they both knew better. They both knew the Bible and the writings of Ellen White. If a *Jesuit* teacher had said such things about Rome during the Dark ages, we would say they were *lying* to make Rome look good. But why Vandeman and Maxwell?

This was an unmistakable attempt to appease Rome; to make friends with Heaven's enemies.

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The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. **The observance of the false sabbath will be urged upon us. The contest will be between the commandments of God and the commandments of men.** Those who have yielded step by step to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will then yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death. At that time the gold will be separated from the dross. True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it. **Many a star that we have admired for its brilliance will then go out in darkness. Those who have assumed the ornaments of the sanctuary, but are not clothed with Christ's righteousness, will then appear in the shame of their own nakedness.** (Ellen White, *Prophets and Kings*, p. 189, emphasis added).

And what of Roy Adams? You might say, “Who in the world is Roy Adams?” Well, if you do not already know, Roy Adams was an Adventist star, whom many have admired for its brilliance—much like Vandeman and Maxwell.

Adams, an **associate editor of Adventist Review since 1988**, announced his retirement, effective November 1 [2010], capping a career in the Adventist Church that spans nearly 50 years as a teacher, pastor, theology professor, administrator, author, and conference/camp meeting speaker. . . . Adams began his career in the South Caribbean Conference in 1961. Since then he has served as a pastor in Ontario,

Canada, and as a theology professor at Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) near Manila, Philippines. He was serving as secretary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada in 1988 when William Johnsson, then-editor of Adventist Review, invited Adams to join the staff of the church's flagship magazine. (Stephen Chavez, then managing editor, Adventist Review, "35CN: Roy Adams Honored by Soceity [sic] of Adventist Communicators," October 29, 2010, retrieved on March 15, 2021 from <https://www.adventistreview.org/archive-3874>, emphasis added).

Adams made a comment in the Review back in 1991 that makes one wonder. . . Here it is:

And we could go on if space permitted – to mention the WCC's [World Council of Churches] affirmation of the "differently-abled" and of aboriginal peoples and minorities; its **emphasis on justice, peace, and the integrity of creation; its accentuation of the Holy Spirit and the Eucharist. All of these emphases fit into the ambit of the three angels' messages.**" (Roy Adams, Associate Editor, Adventist Review, May 2, 1991, "Sizing Up the Seventh Assembly," vol. 168, no. 18, p. 10, emphasis added).

(The Third Angel's Message warns that if anyone worships the beast, he will receive the wrath of God poured out without mixture in the seven last plagues). What is the center piece of Catholic worship?—it is the eucharist. The eucharist doctrine declares that Christ's

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actual body and blood are found in the wafer and fermented wine; effectively repeating Christ's sacrifice every single day. Roy Adams, in the Review, tells Adventism that the "Holy Spirit" is guiding the World Council of Churches and that *the eucharist* is part of the Three Angel's Messages? Again, we say "What?" The eucharist is in the Three Angel's Messages?

Remember, it was the World Council of Churches that met in Lima, Peru in 1982 and decided to clamp down on Adventism, deferring them from proclaiming the Second and Third Angel's Messages—at Peru our Adventist leaders failed us. And again Vandeman, Maxwell, and Adams have done the same. Does Adams really believe the Holy Spirit was *leading* in the destruction of the Second and Third Angel's Messages?—not likely! From Adams' statement, it is obvious that some of the fermented wine in the eucharist has intoxicated Roy Adams! What word would you use to describe these comments? Unbelievable! Drunk on the wine of Babylon. The trend continues as Adventism, to this day, seeks to water-down their distinct messages and coddle ever closer to Romanism! How will these stars fair when the test comes?

Chapter 6: “A Moot Theological Issue”

Things started to really boil over in the early 1990s. Major, I mean “Big Time,” self-supporting ministries were popping up everywhere, proclaiming the teachings of Seventh-day Adventism while the denomination continued to sink deeper into the ecumenical movement; forsaking the Three Angel’s Messages more and more. Among the major ministries were *Hope International* with Ron Spear, *Hartland* with Colin Standish, *Prophecy Countdown* with John Osborne, *Modern Manna* with Danny Vierra, and *Steps to Life* with Marshall and John Grosboll.

With the lines being clearly drawn in the sand, the denomination felt it was time to come out with a book explaining the real issues between the various groups—and truly, they made clear the real “*Issues*” of importance to them. In 1992, they came out with a 467-page book called “*Issues: The Seventh Day Adventist Church and Certain Private Ministries.*” While one could write a book critiquing the work, everything can be decidedly summed up by one statement found on page 109 of the book. This statement concludes:

that Hope International holds, certain views on the human nature of Christ, the nature of sin,

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and sanctification. These issues have never been settled among Christians, much less among Seventh-day Adventists. **They are not issues so essential to salvation that souls will be lost unless they are resolved.** The problem that Hope International/Our Firm Foundation has created is that this independent ministry feels driven to charge the SDA Church with being in a state of **apostasy because it does not accept their views on these moot theological issues.**” (North American Division Officers and Union Presidents, “Issues: The Seventh-day Adventist Church and Certain Private Ministries,” p. 109, emphasis added).

This book, put out by the denominational leadership, declares that the human nature of Christ, the nature of sin, and sanctification are *not essential to salvation*. They also stated that these *issues* are not clearly laid out, describing them as “moot” theological issues. This statement is absolutely yet another shocking example of the falling away of the denomination; which, again, can only be described as *apostasy*. These are all easily proven with just an elementary study of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.

We will only look at the issue of sanctification here. Sanctification is not settled among Christians, they say? Sanctification is not essential to salvation? Salvation is moot or unimportant? The apostle Paul stated plainly, **For this is the will of God, even your sanctification,** that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor” (1 Thessalonians 4:3-4). God’s will for His children is their

sanctification. The Lord knows that without this experience, no one will see God or be in heaven.

Notice,

Says the prophet: "Who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness." Malachi 3:2, 3.

Those who are living upon the earth when the intercession of Christ shall cease in the sanctuary above are to stand in the sight of a holy God without a mediator. Their robes must be spotless, their characters must be purified from sin by the blood of sprinkling.

Through the grace of God and their own diligent effort **they must be conquerors in the battle with evil.** While the investigative judgment is going forward in heaven, while the sins of penitent believers are being removed from the sanctuary, **there is to be a special work of purification, of putting away of sin, among God's people upon earth.** This work is more clearly presented in the messages of Revelation 14." (Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 425, emphasis added).

Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, **to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain**

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fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost. . . . The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal **must be without spot before God**—candidates for heaven. (Ellen White, Testimonies For the Church Volume 5, p. 214, 216, emphasis added).

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:** that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. (Ephesians 4:13–16, emphasis added).

As anyone can see, the doctrine of sanctification is absolutely clear in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy; and it is clearly salvational. By the statement in the book *Issues*, written nearly 30 years ago today, the *very heart* of Seventh-day Adventist teaching was destroyed. The heart of Adventism was

cut out and now only straw remains. The essence of every major teaching of Seventh-day Adventism (and of Christianity in general), centers around the experience of sanctification. The following teachings in the Bible have at their core the *experience of sanctification*:

1. The death of Christ on the Cross:

A. “Wherefore Jesus also, that he might **sanctify** the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate” (Heb. 13:12).

B. “By the which will we are **sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ** once for all” (Heb. 10:10).

C. “Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden underfoot the Son of God, and **hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified**, an unholy thing . . .” (Heb. 10:29).

D. “For **by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.**” (Heb. 10:14).

25 years ago, the North American Division of SDAs put out this book, and by their insane, unbiblical, and apostate comments concerning sanctification, they threw out the greatest event in the history of the world—the death of Christ! The very rationale for Christianity was destroyed! Unbelievable! What is left when you throw out the cross of Christ?

2. The antitypical Day of Atonement/Judgment/Cleansing of the Sanctuary:

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A. “And this shall be a statute forever unto you: that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you: **For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD**” (Lev. 16:29-30).

B. “While the investigative judgment is going forward in heaven, while the sins of penitent believers are being removed from the sanctuary, **there is to be a special work of purification, of putting away of sin, among God's people upon earth.**” (Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 425, emphasis added).

3. The seventh day Sabbath/Saturday:

A. “Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, **Verily my Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations;** that ye may know that I am the LORD **that doth sanctify you**” (Ex. 31:13).

B. “Moreover, also **I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them,** that they might know that I am the LORD **that sanctify them**” (Ez. 20:12).

C. “Since He made all things, He made the Sabbath. By Him it was set apart as a memorial of the work of creation. **It points to Him as both the Creator and the Sanctifier.**”

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It declares that He who created all things in heaven and in earth, and by whom all things hold together, is the head of the church, and that by His power we are reconciled to God. For, speaking of Israel, He said, "I gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them,"--make them holy. Ezek. 20:12. Then **the Sabbath is a sign of Christ's power to make us holy.** And it is given to all whom Christ makes holy. As **a sign of His sanctifying power,** the **Sabbath is given to all who through Christ become a part of the Israel of God.**" (Ellen White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 288, emphasis added).

If we accept the *Issues* doctrine on sanctification, then the *cross of Christ* and its *purpose* are gone. The *final work of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary* is gone. The *seventh day Sabbath* has been obliterated! The *Three Angel's Messages* and the *Spirit of Prophecy* are gone too. What else is left? Nothing, but an empty shell!

Oh, but wait a minute, we still have the structure of a church and we could save that. Keep paying your money to salvage an organization that is now bent on preparing the way for the image of the beast and you may find yourself on the wrong side of this controversy in the end. With all of the historic messages gone; with Christ gone; then all that is left to save is a church structure! It does not matter what you believe; it does not matter how you worship—just stay in the church and pay your money to keep it going! This, my friend, is sadly where we are as a church today!

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Are you surprised? No need to be; the prophet foretold this long ago,

As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, **but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition.** By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and **when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren.** When Sabbath keepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, **these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them.** (Ellen White, The Great Controversy, p. 608, emphasis added).

In the end, will you stand with Christ and proclaim the Three Angel's Messages, or will you become the greatest enemies of His people? The choice is yours. This decision will hinge upon our persevering effort to overcome every defect of character now, today, and everyday until Christ returns; the work of sanctification is now.

Chapter 7: Myron Widmer and **William G. Johnsson**

The 1993 *World Youth Day* was held August 10–15, 1993 in Denver, Colorado. It was the first World Youth Day held in either North America or in an English-speaking nation. The World Youth Day is an event for young people organized by the Roman Catholic Church. It is celebrated every two to three years at different locations.

The event took place in the context of the then pope, John Paul II's sixtieth apostolic journey—on which, before reaching Denver, he stopped in Jamaica and Mexico. The journey lasted from August 9–16, 1993. The program included a *Stations of the Cross* among the host city's skyscrapers; the vigil and final Mass took place inside Cherry Creek State Park, near the city of Aurora, which was about fifteen miles from downtown Denver. Between a half to a million young people from one hundred nations participated in the various events that took place during the five calendar days of the event.

As stated, prior to his appearance in Denver, John Paul II had been in Jamaica and Mexico. While in Mexico, the pope had signed an agreement with all the churches there which *made it illegal to proselytize*

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people from other churches. This was in harmony with the BEM document that was signed in 1982 in Lima, Peru 11 years earlier, which had the goal, “. . . to encourage all churches to work for the unchurched, **but never to proselytize from other churches.**” (Colin and Russel Standish, “Spiritism in the Seventh-day Adventist Church,” 1995, p. 87, emphasis added). Acceptance of this agreement would lead to a total capitulation from the final message which we are commissioned by our God to give to the world. The author knows this to be true because he visited Mexico in 2016; and while there, he was informed that the preaching of the Second and Third Angel’s Messages became illegal in Mexico in 1993. The SDA church stopped preaching those messages there at that time! Coincidence?

The faithful in Mexico had to go underground to present the truth. Sabbath morning while there, the author spoke on the Second and Third Angel’s Messages to a large crowd! Praise God! “We ought to obey God rather than men.” (Acts 5:29).

So, after thrashing religious freedom and the liberty to proclaim the Second and Third Angel’s Messages in Mexico, John Paul II comes to Denver to speak to the world’s youth. In his address, he declared, Jesus has called each one of you to Denver for a purpose: You must live these days in such a way that, when the time comes to return home, each one of you will have a clearer idea of what Christ expects of you. Each one must have the courage to go and spread the Good News among the people of the last part of the twentieth century, in particular among young people of your own age, who will take the Church and society into the next century. (Pope John Paul II, speaking Thursday, August

12, 1993, retrieved on March 16, 2021 from http://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/speeches/1993/august/documents/hf_jp-ii_spe_19930812_saluto-denver-gmg.html).

Now, when he talks about Christ and spreading the good news, what exactly is he talking about? Is he talking about a Reformation and open dialogue in Christianity to remove errors within the Roman Church? No, John Paul II was encouraging the youth to *take over the world* for Rome (and the devil). How do we know? Because he had just come from Mexico, where he crushed spreading of the Second and Third Angel's Messages; which are Christ's messages. Moreover, John Paul II proposes to the youth to spread the "good news" that Rome is gaining more and more power in the world. John Paul II wanted, like all popes, every obstacle removed which would hinder Rome's rise to total world dominion.

Well, once again, the *Adventist Review* sent an associate editor to Denver. His name was *Myron Widmer*. After coming back from Denver, Widmer wrote three articles in the *Review* on September 9th, the 23rd, and the 30th, of 1993. For the sake of brevity, I have quoted snippets from each article which give a clear flavor as to what Widmer was saying:

I was surprised and delighted to learn that the Bible is the sole textbook during the pope's visit and the World Youth Day activities.

What a wonderful opportunity for so many young people to hear the gospel message straight from God's Word (Myron Widmer, *Adventist Review*, September 9, 1993, "When the Pope Came to Town," vol. 170, no. 36, p. 4, emphasis added).

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Or might a better understanding be that **God is working through this pope** to open doors for Catholics to the great truths of Scripture concerning salvation by faith in Christ? (Myron Widmer, *Adventist Review*, September 23, 1993, “When the Pope Came to Town—2,” vol. 170, no. 38, p. 5, emphasis added).

I can only wonder if in these last days He is using some very unexpected sources to encourage many individuals (especially Catholics) in search for truth. (Myron Widmer, *Adventist Review*, September 23, 1993, “When the Pope Came to Town-3,” vol. 170, no. 39, p. 4, emphasis added).

Let’s review what he just said. Myron Widmer is actually proposing that John Paul II was preaching the gospel to the young people in Denver; the God of heaven was using John Paul II in Denver; and John Paul II was *leading people toward the truth*. That is right, according to Widmer, God is using the Beast Power and Harlot of Babylon to preach the Gospel to the youth!

Does the word “shocking” do these statements justice? The gospel messages in the Bible for these last days are found in Revelation 14. Let us see them again:

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. 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 (Revelation 14:6-10).

Now, which part was John Paul II presenting, Myron?
Was he:

1. Pointing people to the 10 commandments as God's standard of righteousness?
2. Pointing people to Christ as the only way whereby sin can be forgiven?
3. Calling people to repent and accept Jesus?
4. Calling people to follow health principles for optimum health (while he is eating a pork sandwich and drinking beer)?
5. Pointing people to Christ in the Heavenly sanctuary as our only High Priest?
6. Calling people to observe the seventh day Sabbath/Saturday that reveals Christ's power?
7. Calling people out of apostate Protestant and Catholic churches?

Need I go on? So let's ask Myron again: which part of the gospel was John Paul II presenting?

Widmer *soberly* and distinctly declared: "**I can only wonder if in these last days He is using some**

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very unexpected sources to encourage many individuals (especially Catholics) in search for truth.” (Myron Widmer, *Adventist Review*, September 23, 1993, “When the Pope Came to Town-3,” vol. 170, no. 39, p. 4, emphasis added). But was he *spiritually sober* when he penned this? Or *wondering* after the Beast? According to Widmer, God was using John Paul II in leading people to *truth*.

Ironically, at the very time when Widmer was starstruck by delusions of papal benevolence, John Paul II was engaged in:

1. Making billions in *laundering* drug money through the Vatican bank.
2. Working with the Mafia in the international drug trade of *heroin*.
3. Pushing for the annihilation of opposing factions of people in *Rwanda*.
4. Pushing for the *destruction of liberty* in America.

According to Myron Widmer, God was using this pope and I would have to agree, but *not* the Great God of Heaven. John Paull II was being used by “the god of this world” (2 Cor. 4:4), the devil—that was the god using John Paul II!

For Myron Widmer to spew such insanity and blatant apostasy is one thing; but he then was elevated to teach others at Pacific Union College—that is beyond reason. For the editor of the *Review* to allow Widmer to write such things is unbelievable. This never would have happened—unless, the editor of the *Review* believed the same perhaps? At that time the editor of the *Adventist Review* was William G. Johnsson—and he was worse than Widmer.

In 1994, William Johnsson came out with an insert in the Review called *Saints' Victory at the End-time*. This insert looked at the book of Revelation, especially chapters 12-14. In commenting on the first beast in Revelation 13, which Seventh-day Adventists *have always* believed to be the Papacy, Johnson wrote,

To interpret the sea monster of Revelation 13 as the papacy seems somewhat out of keeping with the spirit of the times. In an age when Christianity in general faces the onslaughts of secularism and when among Christians ecumenism has become popular, **the interpretation smacks of narrowness and bigotry.** (From *Supplement to the Adventist Review: Revelation 12-14* entitled: "Saints Victory at the End-times" p. 8-9, emphasis added; found in *Adventist Review*, November 3, 1994, vol. 177, no. 44, insert).

Wow! So, let's get this straight: If anyone interprets the Papacy as the first beast of Revelation 13:1-10, then that person is a "narrow-minded bigot!" In going to the Ellen White CD-ROM and search archive, and typing in the *First beast of Revelation 13*, one finds **over 70 entries**. Every single entry declares that the first beast of Revelation 13 is . . . the Papacy! William G. Johnsson, however, does not believe that the Papacy is the first beast of Revelation 13—even though his view directly contradicts God's prophet. Furthermore, William Johnsson believes that anyone who understands Revelation 13 to be fulfilled by the Papacy—and thus in agreement with the prophet—is a narrow-minded bigot. Since Ellen White believed that way . . . Therefore, if we follow Johnsson's ideas to its logical conclusion, Ellen White must be a narrow-minded bigot as well! Since the Holy Spirit—the Third

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Person of the Godhead—inspired her to write those “bigoted” prophetic interpretations, then the Holy Spirit is a “narrow-minded bigot” too!

Keep in mind that Myron Widmer AND William G. Johnsson held on to their jobs. Widmer went on to teach at PUC in the Napa foothills. Clearly, the denomination was in a spiritual free fall, chucking the fundamental teachings of Seventh-day Adventism wherever possible and plunging headlong into the ecumenical arms of Romanism and Apostate Protestantism. Will we compromise too?

Chapter 8: Spiritual Formation

Ignatius Loyola, one of the world's most evil men, created an order of monks in Catholicism back in the 1530s. The intent of the new order was to combat and destroy the Protestant Reformation. As the great author Ellen White declared,

Throughout Christendom, Protestantism was menaced by formidable foes. The first triumphs of the Reformation past, **Rome summoned new forces, hoping to accomplish its destruction.** At this time **the order of the Jesuits was created**, the most cruel, unscrupulous, and powerful of all the champions of popery. Cut off from earthly ties and human interests, dead to the claims of natural affection, reason and conscience wholly silenced, they knew no rule, no tie, but that of their order, and no duty but to extend its power. The gospel of Christ had enabled its adherents to meet danger and endure suffering, undismayed by cold, hunger, toil, and poverty, to uphold the banner of truth in face of the rack, the dungeon, and the stake. To combat these forces, Jesuitism inspired its followers with a fanaticism that enabled them to endure like dangers, and to oppose to the power of

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truth all the weapons of deception. There was no crime too great for them to commit, no deception too base for them to practice, no disguise too difficult for them to assume.

Vowed to perpetual poverty and humility, it was their studied aim to secure wealth and power, to be devoted to the overthrow of Protestantism, and the re-establishment of the papal supremacy.” (Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 234, emphasis added).

Loyola's life and work were devoted to the overthrow of Protestantism and the elevation of the papacy. In the mid-1500s, this was known openly as *the Counter-Reformation*.

Through the arch wicked one of darkness, Loyola devised a mystical form of *mind control* called *the Spiritual Exercises*.

The concept of God as revealed to Loyola in these mystical experiences reveal a God who is pantheistic in nature-His person existing in the things of His creation. Loyola developed what is called today his 'Spiritual Exercises', **which contain all the teachings from which modern spiritual formation was constructed.** From these spiritual exercises comes the most important practice of the 'examen', a daily practice of prayer and **meditation essential to spiritual formation.** (Rick Howard, *The Omega Rebellion*, p. 26-27, emphasis added).

Clearly, Howard reveals that one of the derivatives of the *Spiritual Exercises of Loyola* was something called *Spiritual Formation*. The end-state, or

whole point of these exercises, (and therefore spiritual formation) is:

Loyola's whole religious life centered around his meditation. He is said to have believed that he had revelations from God everyday. . . . He authored a volume that is still in print, entitled "The Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola," a series of meditations by which one is supposed to purge the soul and find oneness with God. . . . He spends hours in mystical meditation, under the control of a director, and within a month his mind has begun to accept the concept of absolute submission. (Ibid., 27).

Submission to whom?

Malachi Martin says that after going through the rigors of the Spiritual Exercises, "**Each man emerged from that week's long regimen as a spiritual fighter completely won over to warfare...an entirely obedient servant of the pope.**" (Malachi Martin quoted in: Lewis Walton, Omega II, p. 150, 151).

If someone were to immerse themselves in these exercises, or those of modern *spiritual formation*, **they would become obedient slaves of the pope!** Shocking but true according to Vatican insider Malachi Martin.

Surely, no Protestant, let alone Seventh-day Adventist would become entangled in this web of deceit and destruction? Fasten your seatbelt!

The Adventist world church created the International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education (IBMTE) in September 2001, **designed to provide overall guidance and standards to the professional training of pastors, evangelists, theologians,**

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teachers, chaplains, and other denominational employees involved in ministerial and religious formation, or spiritual formation, in each of the church's 13 regions around the world. (Jane Thayer, Adventist News Network, February 2, 2004, “ANN Feature: Church, Congregations Increase Focus on ‘Spiritual Formation’”, retrieved on March 16, 2021 from <https://adventist.news/en/news/ann-feature-church-congregations-increase-focus-on-spiritual-formation>; quoted in Rick Howard, *The Omega Rebellion*, p. 136).

While everyone in the world was dealing with the shock of the airplanes that flew into the World Trade Centers in 2001, the Adventist denomination was determined that ALL denominational leaders, pastors, teachers, and employees would be trained in SPIRITUAL FORMATION! Through this “education” (indoctrination), those leaders would become obedient slaves of the pope! But, you say, they would still be giving the Three Angel’s Messages? Sorry friend! Who in the world would even think of bringing a Catholic teaching into connection with God’s people—never-mind one that can be traced back to the Jesuit Counter-Reformation leader Ignatius Loyola?

Among those on this board who implemented the teaching of spiritual formation to Adventist leaders worldwide was . . . Ted Wilson! At that time, Wilson was a vice president of the General Conference and a member of the board that voted to put this insanity in motion throughout Adventism! Don’t believe me? That information can be obtained from the *Handbook of Seventh-day Adventist Ministerial and Theological Training*, Appendix B.

Spiritual Formation

This could never happen? Sadly, it is happening friend, right now, and it is happening in earnest. Notice these stated goals of some 13 years ago:

In 2007, Lighthouse Trails posted an article titled Church, Congregations Increase Focus on “Spiritual Formation.” The article, released by Adventist News Network, showed how the emphasis of contemplative/spiritual formation was moving into the Seventh-day Adventist organization. The article stated that “this subject [spiritual formation] is receiving serious emphasis in Adventist institutions, as well as in local congregations.”

The following Lighthouse Trails research reveals that Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan is promoting contemplative spirituality (i.e., spiritual formation) through a new concentration in their Doctor of Ministry degree program. An October 2009 Andrews newsletter, put out by Kenley D. Hall (Andrews DMin Project Coach) explains that “Discipleship & Spiritual Formation” and “Youth and Young Adult Ministry” will begin in February 2010. (Lighthouse Trails Editors, “Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary Integrating Contemplative/Emerging Spirituality into Degree Program, December 31, 2009 retrieved on April 8, 2021 from <https://www.lighthouse trails research.com/blog/?p=2136>).

By 2010, less than 10 years after voting it as policy in Adventism, Spiritual Formation was being taught in earnest at Andrews and other Adventist

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universities. From leaders and pastors who have been hypnotized by this stuff, it is being passed on to unknowing church members in local congregations, making them obedient slaves of the pope!

But how could one associate Ted Wilson with this corruption!? He is such a nice man after all. Do your own research, friend. Even when Wilson made his remarks at the 2010 General Conference session in Atlanta *against spiritual formation*, his actions proved that he had already embraced it. Knowing what you now know, listen again,

Stay away from non-Biblical spiritual disciplines or methods of spiritual formation that are rooted in mysticism such as contemplating prayer, centering prayer, and the emerging church movement in which they are promoted. Look within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. (Ted Wilson, Sermon at General Conference, July 2010).

Wilson portrayed this spiritual formation movement as being outside Adventism and his council was to look within the SDA Church! And what would one find “within” the SDA church? Ted Wilson knew that “looking within” the Adventist Church would lead straight to spiritual formation, since he himself voted it to be implemented starting in 2001.

Would it be safe to listen to the indoctrinated leaders, pastors, and conference officials who were already trained in spiritual formation? Would it be safe to let those indoctrinated leaders train you? That is like telling the chickens they are safe when there are foxes in the henhouse disguised as chickens! This advice was deadly, and Wilson knew it. He sounded so conservative, but in reality. . . .

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I have never met Ted Wilson. I have been told that he is a nice man and that could very well be so. This chapter is not about his personality. This chapter is about truth and the proclamation of the Three Angel's Messages. Jesus said, "by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:20), and that is what we intend to do—*judge* the fruits and *know* the man.

Ted Wilson, in his opening sermon at the General Conference session, when he became president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, highlighted so many things that faithful SDA's could appreciate. In this speech he focused on many things:

1. the righteousness of Christ.
 2. the foundation of the Bible/SOP.
 3. the sanctuary, the Sabbath, and the 10 commandments.
 4. the final triumph of the great Advent message.
- All of these things sounded so good that letters, emails, and texts came in from all over the world asking if maybe Ted Wilson was a modern-day *Josiah*, sent by God to lead His people to revival and reformation. Well

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What was said was very good; very doctrinal. He says all the Adventist buzzwords which make SDAs feel comfortable. The concern is not over what Ted Wilson says, but what he does not say. Moreover, this is about what he continues to refuse to say over the last 10 years. In fact, Wilson's silence is almost deafening. He loves to tell Adventists that we need to preach the Three Angel's Messages, yet he only preaches ONE OF THEM!

Ted Wilson's messages almost always center around the First Angel's Message, while he was strangely silent on the Second and Third Angel's Message. When have you heard Ted Wilson preach about the fallen state of Apostate Protestantism? Or that the Roman Catholic Church is going to force the world to receive the Mark of the Beast/Sunday Worship? Answer: Never, and this silence has continued for the last 10 years.

Why does Wilson act and say that he believes strongly in the proclamation of the Three Angel's Messages, and simultaneously refuse to preach them? He will say the phrase "Three Angel's Messages," but he will not present the controversial aspects of these last day messages. Is he trying to deceive conservative Adventism that he is something that he is not?

Shortly after becoming President in 2010, he gave a sermon at the autumn council meeting entitled *Remember Your Name*. He encouraged various groups around Adventism to *reunite with the organized church*. One such group that was addressed were self-supporting Adventist ministries. He said,

To independent groups or ministries who have found themselves somewhat distant from official church connection and have accepted tithes for support. Contact your local church and local conference and return to a warm and

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appropriate relationship **refusing to accept tithe and encouraging members to return their tithe through the storehouse of the local church**. Remember your name! (Ted Wilson, Sabbath Sermon, October 9, 2010, 2010 Annual Council, Silver Spring, Maryland, emphasis added).

It is possible that some groups and ministries who are “somewhat distant from the official church” have departed from the faith and have forgotten the meaning of the name Seventh-day Adventist. But what Ted Wilson fails to consider, or at least acknowledge, is that many lay groups, organizations, and ministries are deeply committed Seventh-day Adventists whose fundamental motivation is deeply rooted in a sincere zeal for the historic faith which has been watered-down by modern Adventist apostasy. Some of these self-supporting ministries are working on the principle of spreading the Three Angel’s Messages, with a willingness to leave all on the altar in the effort to preserve and “contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3).

Ted Wilson fails to realize that it is he and apostate Adventism that are the ones who must *Remember Their Name*. They must come back to the teachings of the Three Angel’s Messages and the Great Controversy. They must stop the wasting of millions of dollars on these ecumenical councils that suck Adventism deeper into the Roman pit of destruction. Ted Wilson, *Remember your Name!*

Speaking of the Great Controversy, Ted Wilson promised and urged Adventists to get behind *the Great Controversy Project*. This project was to put Great Controversy books into the hands of millions. Listen to Ted Wilson’s spokesperson Delbert Baker,

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That's what our General Conference president, Pastor Ted Wilson, was referring to when he preached his first message in Atlanta—do something big and bold for God! Under God, we need to do something bold and get our message out in a very powerful and distinct way. We must tell the world about the message God has given us. **By sending millions of copies of The Great Controversy around the globe, we think that can be accomplished . . .**" (Willie E. Hucks II, *Ministry Magazine*, June 2011, "The Great Controversy Project: An interview with Delbert W. Baker", p. 9).

Sounds great right? Well, what was the result of this project? This was the final product: we got the *Great Hope*, which this author calls the "Great Hoax"—a 92-page devotional of selections from the Great Controversy that looked at the conversion of Luther, and other reformers. Tragically, the Great Hope guts the message of the true Great Controversy. It leaves out the chapters that deal with the early Christian era, the Dark Ages, Huss, Wycliffe, the Reformation, and the early rise of Adventism. It never discloses the working of the Papal anti-Christian system. In reality, it is a shameful deconstruction of Mrs. White's greatest writing. This in no way can be considered putting "Great Controversy" books into the hands of millions.

One might call the Great Hope a boldface lie—a deception—because it is NOT the Great Controversy we know. It leaves out the distinctive truths that makes the Great Controversy the book that it is! This is another example of apostasy. Much like modern Adventism, the Great Hoax is water-down, vague, cowardly inoffensive, containing nothing which

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could not have been written by any other modern denomination. There's nothing distinctively Adventist about the content; nothing which would lead to a serious discussion of Adventist doctrines.

And to make the deception of the Great Hoax perfectly clear, here is a quote from Ellen White. Notice which book she says is to be spread far and wide:

The Great Controversy should be very widely circulated. It contains the story of the past, the present, and future . . . I am more anxious to see a wide circulation for this book than for any others I have written; for in **The Great Controversy, the last message of warning to the world is given more distinctly than in any of my other books.** (Ellen White, Letter 281, 1905, emphasis added).

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In August of 2014, there was an ASI (Adventist-laymen Services and Industries) meeting held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It was broadcast to many corners of the earth by 3ABN. There was a panel discussion in the afternoon on the Sabbath. The ad for the discussion read,

It is urgent! Make the Three Angels' Message a reality in your personal life, and be encouraged to share your experience with others. Join us to hear participants in this panel discussion share personal testimonies and perspectives on "Living and Sharing the Three Angels' Message." Panel Members: Don Mackintosh (moderator), Ted Wilson, Mark Finley, Gerard Damsteegt, James Rafferty, Lyndi Schwartz, and Ed Zinke. (ad can be

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found at:

<https://www.audioverse.org/english/sermons/recordings/6366/living-and-sharing-the-three-angels-message.html>).

During the panel discussion, Elder Ted Wilson declared that **the mark of the beast is any other day of the week other than the Seventh-day Sabbath**. Since Sunday and Friday are the other two major days of worship, then either of them could be the mark right? Or any other day for that matter—at least according to Ted Wilson! This changes the beast power as well. The beast could now be *Islam* as well as *Rome*! Unbelievable! What is Wilson doing?

While Ted Wilson is making a fool out of himself, the other panel members, like Mark Finley, James Rafferty, and the like, say NOTHING! No one said anything! Since that meeting, I have been told that Ted Wilson privately remarked that his answer that day was a mistake—wait a minute, he tells the world his folly and then privately apologizes to a few people? Sorry, but that does not cut it. Why not correct such an important error publicly, in the same manner that the error was declared? On 3ABN, before the world, Ted Wilson needs to apologize for that flagrant denial of truth! *Remember Your Name*, Ted Wilson!

Ted Wilson has continued the bold denial of the Second and Third Angel's Messages throughout his tenure as president. Like the Maxwells, Vandeman, Adams, Widmer, Johnsson and the like, he refuses to take a decided stand for truth. Instead, Ted Wilson chooses to take Adventism deeper into the ecumenical web of destruction; even meeting with Catholic representatives, as he did in the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation ecumenical meeting in Moscow, 2017. His Great Hoax continues to be a sad proverb among

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Adventists who still care about the truth! The author still holds to the conclusion drawn years ago: Is he a *saint* or a *snake*? The evidence is conclusive! SNAKE! *Remember Your Name*, Ted Wilson, *Remember Your Name*!

Chapter 10: Adventist?

Conspiracist? Or Both?

Journey Magazine is the official “division-wide” publication of the North American Division. Journey Magazine, together with Adventist World (a General Conference magazine), is sent to every member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church within the North American Division. The December 2020 issue of Journey Magazine contained an article on page eight entitled “I’m an Adventist, Not a Conspiracy Theorist.” The way this title is written, it sounds like the two are at odds with one another! But are they?

If I’m an Adventist, can I believe in a conspiracy? or no? It does not take a *rocket scientist* to recognize that anyone who takes the book of Revelation seriously and especially Revelation 17, *must* to be a conspiracist! The portrayal of this conspiracy is seen clearly in the light of the *Loud Cry*. Adventists have been proclaiming that there is a worldwide conspiracy for over a century—since its founding—and these aspects of the message (a worldwide conspiracy) were not particularly controversial to mainstream Protestant churches historically. At least, not in comparison to the controversies surrounding the Sanctuary message, the

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Atonement not finished at the cross, state of the Dead, the Sabbath, Righteousness by Faith, etc.

How could an Adventist not see this conspiracy when it is so obvious? Why would an Adventist be so ready to deny its existence? The Dictionary defines a conspiracy *very* clearly:

1. An agreement to perform together an illegal, wrongful, or subversive act.
2. A group of conspirators.
3. *Law* An agreement between two or more persons to commit a crime or accomplish a legal purpose through illegal action.
4. A joining or acting together, as if by sinister design:
 1. a secret plan to carry out an illegal or harmful act
 2. the act of making such plans. (The Free Dictionary, “Conspiracy,” retrieved on April 8, 2021 from <https://www.thefreedictionary.com/conspiracy>).

A conspiracy is what Adventists believe the Roman Catholic Church and her allies have been doing since the Dark Ages—**“a secret agreement between two or more people to perform an unlawful act.”** (Ibid., emphasis added). The Bible identifies, from Revelation 17 and 18, that there are **four groups** united together at the end of time to bring about a one-world church. Notice, Revelation 17 and 18:

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the **great whore (1)** that sitteth upon many waters: With whom **the kings (2)**

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of the earth have committed fornication . . .
(Revelation 17:1-2).

And on her forehead was a name written,
‘Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother **of**
harlots (3) and abominations of the earth.
(Revelation 17:5).

And the **merchants of the earth** shall weep
and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their
merchandise any more: The merchandise of
gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of
pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and
scarlet, and all thine wood, and all manner
vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of
most precious wood, and of brass, and iron,
and marble, And cinnamon, and odors, and
ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil,
and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and
sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves,
and souls of men . . . **The merchants of these**
things, which were made rich by her (4),
shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment,
weeping and wailing . . . (Revelation 18:11-
15).

According to the definition of a conspiracy, and what
we are told in Revelation’s prophecies there are four
major groups in agreement to an unlawful act (which is
to control the consciences of men):

1. The Great Whore: the Papacy
2. The kings/political powers of earth.
3. The *harlot daughters* of Rome, which are the
fallen apostate churches that unite with Rome in
ecumenical union.

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4. The merchants of the earth, who are the world's extremely wealthy businessmen.

Again, according to the definition, the union above is a conspiracy. And to think that we have professing Seventh-day Adventists that are actually proposing the idea that Adventists do not believe in a conspiracy? Are you kidding? When something is so ridiculously plain, why would the Adventist leadership try to shut it away from the people?

Listen to the recent article in the Journey Magazine,

The time is right for Adventists to take courage in sharing Jesus as the hope for humanity and to place emphasis on end of times prophecy, but we need to do so in a new, more relevant way. **We Adventists to obsess over political events and concoct elaborate conspiracy theories. But this does us few favors in a contemporary, educated society. . . . In place of conspiracy theories and fearmongering about the “End of the World,” I suggest we insert the good news of Jesus Christ in the context of objective facts about what’s happening to our planet.**

. . . (Adam Fenner, “I’m an Adventist, Not a Conspiracy Theorist,” August 25, 2020 retrieved on April 8, 2021 from <https://www.nadadventist.org/news/im-adventist-not-conspiracy-theorist>).

Yet another perfect example of the word *apostasy* is here presented. Of course we should exalt Christ as mankind's only hope for today and eternity. However, does that mean that while exalting Christ, we censor the clear-cut *conspiracy* in Revelation 17 and 18? How

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absurd! Why did John—through the direct command of Jesus—in the context of our day, lay out so clear a *conspiracy*? Why is this conspiracy written there? Fearmongering? Is this not a warning for those living at the end of time, that the Papacy, politicians, churches, and merchants will unite together? Revelation is warning the world about the deep-rooted evil of this global union. We have a *sure word of prophecy* designed to keep us safe; not to breed fear.

Now, because **the Bible says there is a conspiracy at the end of time**, then the conspiracy is **not a theory**; it is a fact! Why is it that the Adventist *Journey Magazine* is trying to portray conspiracy as a theory, when the Bible reveals that it is not a theory? Does that make any sense? Is this man inside of Inspiration or outside of it? The answer should be obvious.

Would it surprise you to know that the four actors in Revelation 17 and 18 have used their voices to destroy freedom and the middle class during the COVID-19 *Plannedemic*? Let's look at a few of these players. Anthony Fauci grew up Catholic, attended Regis High School (a Jesuit High School) in Manhattan's Upper East Side, where he captained the school's basketball team and graduated in 1958. He then went to the College of the Holy Cross (a Jesuit University), graduating in 1962 with a Bachelor of Arts in Classics.

Andrew Cuomo was born in Queens, New York City. Cuomo is a graduate of Fordham University (a Jesuit University) and Albany Law School of Union University, New York. He began his career working as the campaign manager for his father, then as an assistant district attorney in New York City before entering private law practice. Fordham University is a private research university in New York City.

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Established in 1841 and named for the Fordham neighborhood of the Bronx in which its original campus is located, Fordham is the oldest Catholic and Jesuit university in the northeastern United States, and the third-oldest university in New York State.

Gavin Newsom, governor of California, attended Redwood High School and graduated from Santa Clara University (a Jesuit University). After graduation, he founded the PlumpJack wine store with family friend Gordon Getty as an investor. The PlumpJack Group grew to manage 23 businesses, including wineries, restaurants and hotels. Santa Clara University is a private Jesuit university in Santa Clara, California. Established in 1851, Santa Clara University is the oldest operating institution of higher learning in California and has remained in its original location for 169 years. The university's campus surrounds the historic Mission Santa Clara de Asís which traces its founding to 1776.

Nancy Pelosi is Roman Catholic, as is Joe Biden; Trump attended, but did not finish school at Fordham—but he did appoint three Roman Catholic Supreme Court Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Ami Coney Barret (of which two are Jesuit-trained: Gorsuch and Kavanaugh attended Georgetown Preparatory School—a Jesuit high school). Those are just a few of your Roman Catholic, and/or Jesuit-trained political leaders throughout the COVID-19 controversy. What has been the result? In a word: tyranny.

And what is the great new moral obligation? To get the vaccine. Who is one of the loudest vaccine voices? None other but merchant Bill Gates. Within this recent fiasco where millions of people have tragically died, the major voices have been Jesuits, politicians and merchants. They all of have been focusing the masses

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on the virus; creating a culture of fear, hate; liberty is disappearing from the earth AND the churches are growing closer and closer together. That spells conspiracy! Perhaps the Bible is correct after all?

With conspiracy as plain as the nose on your face, why then are Adventists, with lightning speed, running away from telling this truth? Many years ago, our church mass mailed the book “*Enemy Unmasked*” (by Bill Hughes) to the town of Silverton, Oregon. This book identifies the worldwide conspiracy between Rome and politicians, bankers, secret societies, etc. The local Adventist pastor responded to the book in the local newspaper with these words (See if you can understand why he does not like conspiracy):

I recently received in the mail a book entitled “Enemy Unmasked”. At first, I thought it was mailed to a select few, but then I came to realize that it had a larger circulation. . . . As pastor, I feel it my duty to tell the residents of Silverton that our church was not responsible in any way in the production or mailing of this material. Further, we do not approve of the contents of this volume. “The Enemy Unmasked”, however, goes far beyond that to link **many groups and individuals into a world-wide conspiracy that we do not believe is correct, and in fact, is very inflammatory and damaging to the efforts of Christian brotherhood and goodwill.** I enjoy very much my fellowship with all Christian pastors and believers in my community, and I deeply regret that this book was printed and distributed anywhere. I believe it is harmful to the cause of Christ. (see Truth Triumphant Newsletter, February 2021,

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for Bill Hughes' full recollection of this event).

Did you hear him, friend? To believe in conspiracy, one would have to throw away the ecumenical ties that bind all churches together. He was not willing to do that for truth's sake; for true Adventism's sake: for Jesus' sake. This pastor, in order to maintain friendships with worldly, fallen churches would crucify and reject the plainest truths of Revelation. Is that the straight testimony? Is that giving the trumpet a certain sound? Or is that folding into the lap of Babylon's plans as described in Revelation?

What is your response? Will you cast off the Truth of God too in order to have friendships with worldly, apostate churches? Who will love these fallen churches and their people enough to proclaim the truth in its fullness? Pontius Pilate sacrificed Truth in order gain the benefits of worldly approbation; Pilate saved his friendship with Herod (Luke 23:12). It was simple, all Pilate had to do was crucify the Truth to gain the favor of apostates—it cost him dearly. Earthly friendships fell apart; he lost his job, and eventually, he took his own life. Friend, **it is very costly to cast off Christ in order to save worldly associations.** I pray we learn a thing or two about that Event on that Friday morning long ago, before the noose is wrapped so tight, it destroys us!

Chapter 10: Ganoune's

Ecumenical Onslaught

The catastrophic ecumenical landslide within Seventh-day Adventism is reaping horrific results. While this has been going on for decades; the *ringleader* in the modern ecumenical insanity is *Ganoune Diop*. Here is what the adventistliberty.org website had to say about Diop:

Dr. Ganoune Diop is the Director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. Before his election in July 2015 at the 60th General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas, he served as the church's liaison to the United Nations in New York and Geneva, and as its representative within the international community of civic and political leaders. Dr. Diop's passion for God has led him to extensive theological, philosophical, and literary studies. Dr. Diop has a Masters in Exégèses and Theology from Collonges, France, a Master's degree in Philology from the University of Paris, and a PhD in Old Testament Studies from Andrews University. (Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, website,

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Ganoune Diop, retrieved on March 22, 2021 from <https://www.adventistliberty.org/dr.-ganoune-diop>).

Amazingly, one of the master's degrees came from *the University of Paris*. This school is known as the *Sorbonne*; the university is tied to the *University of Notre Dame in Paris*. These are Catholic institutions. It was the Sorbonne in history that did all it could to destroy the Reformation! In the 1500s, the Sorbonne took an active role in the suppression of the truth being taught by the Protestants, and even condemned them to the flames:

From 1523 onwards the Protestants, considered as heretics, were penalised. **The Sorbonne**, the ecclesial authorities and Parliament imposed fines, sent them to prison, and monks and priests in particular were given **a life sentence in prison or condemned to death at the stake**. (Musee Protestant, website, "The Rise of Protestantism in France," retrieved on March 22, 2021 from <https://museeprotestant.org/en/notice/the-rise-of-protestantism-in-france-1520-1562/>, emphasis added).

The Sorbonne representatives during that time even wrote sermons praising the atrocities committed against Protestant martyrs:

The river of blood which flowed in Southern France did not satiate the desire elsewhere for vengeance upon the heretic. The very next year occurred the breaking-up of a congregation in Meaux, and **the burning of fourteen of its members. A representative of the Sorbonne preached a sermon in connection with the tragedy, in which he**

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declared that God would not be God if he did not consign the fourteen heretics to eternal damnation. (Henry Clay Sheldon, “History of the Christian Church,” vol. 3, p. 178).

Ganoune, what are you doing at the Sorbonne? What is a Seventh-day Adventist doing in an institution who is the historical enemy of all-things-Protestant?

Under the guise of “solidarity,” Ganoune Diop has recurringly been involved with the Antichrist power—the pope—directly. Notice his travels (and judge the fruit):

1. On October 12, 2016, Diop attended a meeting at the Vatican to meet the Pope. The discussion at that meeting centered on seeking *unity, ecumenism* and *full communion between religions*.

Perhaps Dr. Diop has never read 2 Corinthians 6:14-17:

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion **hath light with darkness?** And **what concord hath Christ with Belial?** or what part **hath he that believeth with an infidel?** And what agreement hath **the temple of God with idols?** for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.** (emphasis added).

2. On April 25-27, 2018 Dr. Diop attended a meeting where a call for the end to proselytizing took place. This, new, strange, anti-Adventist message was given by *Roman Catholic Bishop Brian Farrell*. In this meeting, an address from the pope was read, which again called for unity. “**Representing the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Diop posed for a picture with attendees.**” (Website Article: “Ecumenism, A Trojan Horse Within Adventism,” retrieved on March 22, 2021 from <https://thegreatcontroversy.info/ecumenism-a-trojan-horse.html>). In January of 2019, Catholicnews.com reported, from Bishop Ferrell, “that nearly all of Christianity is advancing towards understanding and solidarity” (Catholic News Service, Cindy Wooden, January 25, 2019, “Search for Christian unity is making progress, Vatican official says,” retrieved on March 22, 2021 from <https://www.catholicnews.com/search-for-christian-unity-is-making-progress-vatican-official-says/>).

3. Diop is not just attending these meetings; he's an active organizer, such as the January 29, 2019 meeting at the United Nations Building. This happened again in an online meeting with the *Conference of the Secretaries of Christian World Communions* (CS/CWC) in October 20-22, 2020, where Dr. Diop was the acting secretary of the meeting, which praised Pope Francis I's latest encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. “Due to the easy access of information over the internet, these activities of Diop have come under scrutiny by faithful Seventh-day Adventists around the world. Many people are legitimately concerned about this man's activities.” (Website Article: “Ecumenism, A Trojan Horse Within Adventism,” retrieved on March 22, 2021 from

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<https://thegreatcontroversy.info/ecumenism-a-trojan-horse.html>).

4. “These concerns motivated Diop to defend his ecumenical actions in the pages of the Adventist Review in 2015, 2018, 2019, on stage at Annual Council 2019, and most recently the December 19, 2019 online Review.” (Ibid.).

Dr. Diop’s audacity in a 2019 Adventist Review article is disgusting. See for yourself:

First, a clarification. **Inter-church and interfaith relations do not mean ecumenism in the sense of union with other churches, doctrinal alliances, obliteration of differences, or the loss of distinctive emphasis on biblical truths.** A

misunderstanding of this basic fact has prompted a few at the fringes of the church to accuse Adventist leaders of betraying the church’s position, which they assume demands there be no interaction **with other Christians at all.** This radical rejection of mingling with others is, at times, expressed through violent and angry rhetoric. Both in the Bible and in the writings of Ellen White, we have a clear picture that **antagonism and hostility toward other Christians should have no place in a heart in-dwelt by the Holy Spirit.**”

(Ganoune Diop, Adventist Review, December 19, 2019, “The Truth about Inter-Church/Interfaith Relations,” retrieved on March 22, 2021 from <https://www.adventistreview.org/the-truth-about-inter-church/interfaith-relations>).

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As we already noted in chapter 4 with the *BEM document*, these “inter-church” gatherings have meant one thing: *we have agreed with the other churches on baptism and the eucharist*. Moreover, we have *agreed not to proselytize*. Roy Adams even went as far to say that the Eucharist is part of the Three Angel's Messages! From the BEM document, Adventism sacrificed the Second and Third Angel's Messages; effectively chucked them right out the window. Ganoune Diop, Ted Wilson, *Remember Your Name!* And now, Diop says these ecumenical meetings are in no way surrendering of our differences, or compromise—when that is exactly what it means! Should we be capitulating with the Beast power in any way? The answer should be obvious.

Diop continues, like the Maxwells, Vandeman, and others, to call Papal and Apostate Protestant churches “Christian.” While most of God's people are still in those churches (Apostate Protestant and Catholic), we must nevertheless, admit, proclaim and recognize that these organizations are in a fallen condition and must repent or perish under God's retributive judgments! Who will warn them? Diop? No, but will you?

It is true that there are real Christians in the Roman Catholic communion. **Thousands in that church are serving God according to the best light they have.** They are not allowed access to His word, and therefore they do not discern the truth. They have never seen the contrast between a living heart service and a round of mere forms and ceremonies. **God looks with pitying tenderness upon these souls, educated as they are in a faith that is delusive and unsatisfying.** He will cause rays of light to penetrate the dense darkness that

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surrounds them. He will reveal to them the truth as it is in Jesus, and many will yet take their position with His people. (Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 565, emphasis added).

To connect Romanism (the Antichrist power) to Christianity is nuts. **Rome is the avowed enemy of Christianity and has been her nemesis for the last 1,500 years.** She has sought to destroy the 10 commandments by changing the day of worship from Sabbath to Sunday; she has usurped Christ's role as man's great High Priest in the Heavenly Sanctuary; she has violently persecuted God's people for over 1,000 years. And, now, according to Diop, she is Christian? The Bible describes this power with no uncertain terms: **“MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH”** (Revelation 17:5, emphasis added). Who do you agree with? Diop's or God's analysis of this power?

Dr. Diop also mocks true Seventh-day Adventists who dare to rebuke this anti-Christian behavior in his article,

What, then, is driving these attitudes of hostility toward inter-church and interfaith relations and **these unfounded fears that Adventist leaders have engaged in ecumenism, which is understood as a union of churches and loss of Seventh-day Adventist distinctives?** (Ganoune Diop, *Adventist Review*, December 19, 2019, “The Truth about Inter-Church/Interfaith Relations,” retrieved on March 22, 2021 from <https://www.adventistreview.org/the-truth-about-inter-church/interfaith-relations>).

History tells us that Adventism has relinquished the Second and Third Angel's Messages, and continues to *run away from* any literature or message that exposes Rome for who she is. It should be blatantly obvious that Seventh-day Adventist *distinctiveness* is gone with the wind. Adventist laypeople who have fears of this **are totally justified**. Diop will likely be one of the first leaders to urge Adventists to keep the first day of the week (see next chapter).

Ted Wilson's sermon "*Remember Your Name*" missed one group of people entirely: the Adventist leadership. To folk like Ganoune Diop, who have danced with Romanism and Apostate Protestantism for so long that the distinctive truths of Adventism are a relic of another era: *REMEMBER YOUR NAME!* And to you, Ted Wilson, who has done NOTHING but encourage this onslaught of ecumenism that is destroying Adventism's unique message: *REMEMBER YOUR NAME!*

Chapter 11: Where is the Apostasy Going?

The Three Angel's Messages of Revelation 14 will triumph gloriously. The people that submit to the grand truth of "Christ in you, the hope of glory" Colossians 1:27, will triumph with the mighty messages of Revelation 14! But, what about the grand apostasy that continuously rears its ecumenical head and proclaims, "Why the *church is going through* and I'm part of the church; therefore, I'm going to swing, sing, and celebrate because I'm going to heaven. It doesn't matter what I do; what I eat; I'm unified with the antichrist and we are all going to the kingdom!"

Brothers and Sisters, we are not saved by our allegiance to an organization. The Spirit of Prophecy lays out very clearly what will happen to apostate Adventism:

As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, **abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is**

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brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbath keepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them. (Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 608, emphasis added).

This Spirit of Prophecy statement is very clear; the Seventh-day Adventists, even though remaining in the organized church, yet have never experienced sanctification, end up joining Apostate Protestant and Catholic Churches in receiving the *Mark of the Beast*. They turn away from the messages that make them Seventh-day Adventists, *but stay in the church* believing the church can save them. Through this ecumenical union, they have come to view things in the same way as the world and other apostate churches: careless and indifferent. When the Sunday test comes, these apostate-yet-church-going Adventists will embrace the Mark of the Beast; they will not fight against it. “They are prepared to choose the easy, popular side” (Ibid., 608). Popular leaders and speakers, who have relinquished their belief in the Three Angel’s Messages, will stand up in courts of law and speak evil against the true and faithful. In so doing, they serve as agents of the devil. This is where the road of compromise leads!

Having fully united with Romanism and Apostate Protestantism, then embracing the Mark of the

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Beast, they will receive the same reward as these two apostate powers.

And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. **These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.**” (Revelation 19:20, emphasis added).

Apostasy and compromise never goes through to glory. Apostasy is destroyed without hope.

In the days of Daniel and his friends, the truth was lived out by the young men and others. This truth triumphed mightily and spread throughout the world. The truth went forward, BUT apostasy among *ancient Adventists* was consumed in the fires that consumed the Temple and sacked Jerusalem. The Adventists of Daniel’s day were told that the church would save them, even though they had cast off the great truths that made them God’s peculiar people.

Then said he unto me, Son of man, these are the men that devise mischief, and give wicked counsel in this city: **Which say, It is not near; let us build houses: his city is the caldron, and we be the flesh.** . . . Therefore, thus saith the Lord GOD; Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they are the flesh, and this city is the caldron: but I will bring you forth out of the midst of it. Ye have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you, saith the Lord GOD. And I will bring you out of the midst thereof, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and **will execute judgments among you. Ye shall fall by the**

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sword; I will judge you in the border of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. This city shall not be your caldron, neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof; but I will judge you in the border of Israel: And ye shall know that I am the LORD: **for ye have not walked in my statutes, neither executed my judgments, but have done after the manners of the heathen that are round about you.** (Ezekiel 11:2-3, 7-12, emphasis added).

The wicked leaders that devised mischief declared that the people were protected as long as they stayed within the city walls—the meat is safe inside the caldron; nothing can harm it. Apostate Israel, asleep in their sins, refused the endless calls of God to repentance. Instead, feeling safe within the city walls (or safe inside the organized church), knew not the time of their visitation! “Oh, that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!” (Jeremiah 9:1). It was the same in the days of apostate Adventism in the first century.

The Jews [like Adventists today] stood forth distinct from all other nations, professing allegiance to God. They had been specially favored by Him, and they laid claim to righteousness above every other people. **But they were corrupted by the love of the world and the greed of gain.** They boasted of their knowledge, but they were ignorant of the requirements of God, and were full of hypocrisy. **Like the barren tree, they spread their pretentious branches aloft, luxuriant in appearance, and beautiful to the eye, but**

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they yielded "nothing but leaves." The Jewish religion, with its magnificent temple, its sacred altars, its mitred priests and impressive ceremonies, was indeed fair in outward appearance, but humility, love, and benevolence were lacking. (Ellen White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 582-583, emphasis added).

There was no free ticket. Because they had forsaken the truths of God for their time, they sought to fill the void by church attendance and a false security, thinking that God would never forsake His people. But can we break His covenant and walk away from our calling and expect His blessing?

Ancient Israel, by their continuation in sin, had ceased to be His people and were inviting His judgments. Jesus shuddered as He cried these words, And when he was come near, he beheld the city, **and wept over it**, Saying, if thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; **because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation**. (Luke 19:41-44, emphasis added).

Ellen White saw that this would happen again. She warns what would happen if Seventh-day Adventism forsook their divine commission and embraced new theories. She laid it out clear,

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The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. **Books of a new order would be written [The Great Hope]. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure. (Ellen White, 1 Selected Messages, p. 204, 205).**

The Lord Jesus calls yet again to apostate Adventism. He cries at the door of Adventism's heart and asks for entrance.

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As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. (Revelation 3:19-20, emphasis added).

If the arrogance of Adventism will remain obdurate as she continues to race headlong into ecumenical union with Rome and Apostate Protestantism, there will be consequences. Where will this ecumenism, apostasy, and compromise lead? We are not without a clear statement from the *pen of Inspiration*. Adventist pastors and leaders who follow the current apostate course will blindly and insanely encourage Seventh-day Adventists to honor the mark of the beast—Sunday worship! These bold and wicked leaders will urge Adventist laity to keep the first day of the week.

The Lord **has a controversy with his professed people** [Seventh-day Adventists] in these last days. In this controversy men in responsible positions will take a course **directly opposite to that pursued by Nehemiah**. They will not only ignore and despise the Sabbath themselves, but they will try to keep it from others by burying it beneath the rubbish of custom and tradition. **In churches and in large gatherings in the open air, ministers will urge upon the people the necessity of keeping the first day of the week.** There are calamities on sea and land: and these calamities will increase, one disaster following close upon another; and the little band of conscientious Sabbath-keepers will be pointed out as the ones who are

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bringing the wrath of God upon the world by their disregard of Sunday. (Ellen White, Review & Herald, March 18, 1884, emphasis added).

A *bearded man*, long ago, instructed Ancient Adventism, in the simplest of terms, its only possible hope. And, it is with these words that we conclude this chapter and this book. He said it all one day by the Jordan river, “In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, and saying, **Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**” (Matthew 3:1,2, emphasis added).

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(Psalms 37:23-24)