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The year 2022 is now half over...what will 2023 bring? We need to pray continually and have faith in our Father and His Son to bring us safely through the rough times. Heaven will be so wonderful and such a great time to visit with old friends we've lost! What a time it will be.

Many of us are discouraged or sad; having so much on our plates can be overwhelming. We need to pray for our Father to give us strength to rise above all this and see what is ahead! This ugly world and all the hurt will be gone! Forever! Let's give our life COMPLETELY over to Him. Let Him come in and brighten our life making us shine and smile! People need this more now than ever. They need encouragement. They need to know there is hope! Great hope!! And He will bless you for your missionary work to the world!



## CAN WE KEEP THE SABBATH?

By Ellet Joseph Waggoner

There are thousands throughout the United States and in Europe who are ready at once to answer this question in the affirmative, for they know by

experience that it is possible. Indeed, the question really admits of only one answer, and that is, "Yes; we can if we want to." But there are many persons who imagine that they cannot keep the Sabbath, and for their benefit I propose to consider some of the so-called reasons which they give. This tract is not intended for those who, in order to avoid the acknowledgment that the seventh day is the Sabbath, plead that the world is round, that time has been lost, and other flimsy objections against the Sabbath. It is only for those who acknowledge the truth of the Bible, are fully convinced that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord and know that it is the duty of all men to keep it, but fancy that they are so situated that it would be impossible for them to do so. I say they fancy, for it is not so in fact. No individual was ever yet placed in such a position that he could not do what was certainly his duty to do. He might find it difficult, and perhaps unpleasant, but never impossible.

"I would like to keep the Sabbath," says one, but my business will not let me." Well, if this is really the case, then get some other business that will not hinder. If you saw that your present business was greatly injuring your health, and would cause your death in a few months, unless abandoned, you would lose no time in changing your occupation. But by disobeying God you lose his favor, and this will bring eternal death.

"But I could not live if I were to keep the Sabbath." This is of the same stamp as the reason given above, and is offered alike by those who are in prosperous business, and those who labor for their daily bread.

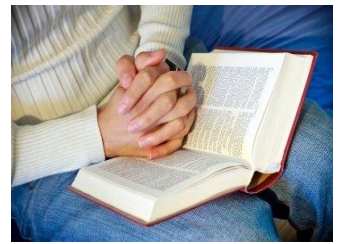
How do you know that you could not live? Are there not thousands who are keeping the Sabbath, and do not they live? Ask those who have tried it, and see what testimony they bear. It is true, you may not be able to amass quite so much property, but “what is a man profited if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”

But let us consider this matter further. You say you cannot live if you keep the Sabbath. Are you sure that you can if you do not keep it? Have you any guarantee that your life will be continued indefinitely? Do those who violate God’s law live any longer on an average than those who keep it? You certainly know of no one who is not subject to death. The psalmist says: “What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?” [Psalm 89:48](#). “It is appointed unto men once to die,” and this without any distinction in regard to age or belief. Then why do you assume that you will be exempt if you do not keep the Sabbath.

“But,” our friend will doubtless reply, “I expect, of course, to die sometime in the natural course of events, whether I keep the Sabbath or not; what I mean is, that I shall not be able to earn a living for myself and family.” Well, you profess to believe the Bible; let us see what it says in regard to this matter. “Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But *seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*” [Matthew 6:31-33](#). Could any promise be plainer than this? If it does not mean just what it says, it does not mean anything. And God is fully able to fulfill this promise. Just consider what a vast estate he has. Here is a description of it: “For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.” [Psalm 50:10-12](#). Surely you need have no fear of starving, if you serve such a master as that.



Listen to another promise: “Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, *and verily thou shalt be fed.*” [Psalm 37:3](#). There you have the promise; now listen to the testimony of one who had an opportunity to know, as to how this promise is fulfilled: “I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.” [Verse 25](#). You can verify this in your own experience if you choose. Who are they that form the great army of tramps, that wander through the country begging bread? Are they Christians, as a class? Are they those who have sunk their property in the service of God? I think no one ever saw a tramp that was noted for his piety. An active worker in the Young Men’s Christian Association says that of the hundreds who have applied for charity to the institution with which he is connected, all are irreligious persons, and that he has never known a regular attendant of church to apply for alms. Truly, “the blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.”



Again the Lord says: “But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God; for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth.” [Deuteronomy 8:18](#). No one can doubt the truth of this statement. “He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things.” We could not keep ourselves alive for a single moment. All men, good and bad alike, are equally dependent on God for life and its attendant blessings. Now, if God has prospered you in the past, when you were trampling on his law, unwittingly it may be, will he not be more likely to continue his blessing if you obey him? Will He not have an especial care for His servants who cheerfully obey Him? Certainly no person who professes faith in God’s Word should ever fear to keep His commandments.

Do not, however, get the idea that abundant riches are promised to those who obey God. The psalmist saw that the wicked were “not in trouble as other men;” he saw that they had more than heart could wish; and he became envious when he saw the prosperity of the wicked. But when he went into the sanctuary of God, and understood their end ([Psalm 73:17](#)), then his envy ceased. He saw that God does not propose to reward either the good or the bad in this life. The wicked may well have riches in this life, for that is all the

enjoyment they will ever have; and the righteous can well afford to have but little of this world's goods, and even to suffer affliction and persecution, since for them God has reserved "an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away"—"an exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

But there is this difference between the wealthy sinner and the poor servant of God: There is no promise made to the transgressor of God's law. God allows the sun to shine, and the rain to fall, alike on the just and unjust. But the transgressor has no assurance that all his riches may not "take to themselves wings and fly away," and he be left a beggar; while the righteous man who may have but a bare living, has the promise that that little will be continued to him. God often permits his servants to be brought into strait places, and, in order to try their faith, to be sometimes brought where they can see no opening whatever; still his promises are sure, and cannot fail. Food and clothing are promised, and though these may be scant, yet "a little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked." [Psalm 37:16](#).



Another quite common objection that people urge against keeping the Sabbath is that it is peculiar, and that very few people observe it. There are two classes of people who make use of this argument. The first class attempts to make capital out of it against the Sabbath, and argue that since the Sabbath is observed by so very few people, it cannot be right, assuming that the majority must be right. The second class believe that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord, but have not the courage to live out their convictions of duty. They say, "If everybody else would keep the Sabbath, I would be glad to do so too."

The first class might easily be convinced if they wished to be. Let us see to what absurdity the theory that the majority must be right will lead us. Less than four hundred years ago it was the universal belief that the earth was flat, and that it was stationary. For hundreds of years no one had thought of questioning this belief; and when, finally, a few bold spirits ventured to advance the idea that the earth is spherical, and that it moves, they were regarded as

fanatics and dangerous heretics. But the proof that the earth is round was convincing, and now all enlightened nations hold to that belief. Now if it be true that the majority must be right, we must conclude that several centuries ago the earth was really flat, but that, as people advanced in knowledge it gradually assumed its present shape. Many other conclusions equally absurd must be accepted if we hold to the theory that whatever is popularly believed is right. But the advocates of that theory rarely urge it on any subject except the Sabbath. The truth is that the opinions of men have no effect whatever on facts. Men's opinions change, but the truth is always the same.

Those who dare not venture out alone to obey the truth, may have their faith strengthened by considering some cases that are on record. Paul says in [Romans 15:4](#), that "whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope."

The eleventh chapter of Hebrews contains a list of notable men. We are referred to Noah, who "walked with God" in an age when the "wickedness of man was great in the earth," and "every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." It must have been no slight effort for Noah to face the world with such an unpopular truth as that the world was to be destroyed by a flood. No doubt he was jeered at in a most unmerciful manner, and considered a fool, but the event proved the wisdom of his course. Had he waited for people enough to accept the truth for that time to make it respectable, before commencing to build the ark, he would have been drowned with the rest.

Abraham is another individual who is held up as an example of faith. I think we do not generally realize the full extent of the sacrifice that he made when he obeyed the command, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, and unto a land that I will show thee." His father's family, as we learn from [Joshua 24:2, 3](#), were idolaters. No doubt he had to endure much opposition and ridicule from his relatives, for thus leaving them and going away with apparently no object whatever, without even knowing where he was going. No one who starts out to obey God in these times can have a darker prospect to all outward appearances, than

Abraham had. Had he drawn back, instead of becoming the father of all the faithful, his name might never have appeared among them. Other instances might be cited indefinitely.

Who does not honor those moral heroes? and who has not wished that he might be even like them, and be accounted worthy to share in their reward? Well, who is there that cannot? They were men, subject to weaknesses and temptations the same as men are nowadays. They lived in the world, associated with their fellow-men, and transacted business, the same as men do now. How, then, did they become so honored of God?—Simply because they were willing to be regarded as peculiar; they thought more of God’s approval than they did of the applause of men. For this we hold them in high esteem, yet we shrink from doing what we commend in them. We may, however, be like them if we will, for their cases are recorded, as Paul says, simply for our encouragement.

We shall find, if we study carefully, that the Bible says much in favor of peculiar people. The Jews were brought out from Egyptian bondage that they might serve the Lord, and be a peculiar people. Paul says in [Titus 2:14](#) that Christ “gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” The apostle here speaks especially to those who are “looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.” It seems, then, that the people of God need not hope to become popular in these days any more than in the past. Christ was very unpopular: “He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.” [John 1:11](#). Very few believed on Him, and they were of the most despised class, and at the last even these forsook Him, while he suffered the most bitter persecution. And what does he say to His disciples? If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you.” Those, then, who are waiting for truth to become popular before accepting it, will wait in vain.

One thought in regard to this expression, “peculiar people.” The idea is not meant to be conveyed that people are to strive to make themselves conspicuous by their peculiarity. The people of God are peculiar simply because they are “zealous of good works,” in a time when men (professed Christians) are “lovers of their own selves,” “despisers of those that are

good,” etc. [2 Timothy 3:1-5](#). Christ was peculiar in this respect, yet he was a pattern of humility. This people are to be like him; not despised on account of individual peculiarities, but because of their steadfast adherence to truth. “If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love His own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.” [John 15:18, 19](#).



One thought more: If we keep the commandments of God, we are God’s servants. If we refuse to obey him, whose servants are we?—We certainly must be the servants of Satan. There is no neutral ground. “To whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey.” Now suppose you continue in sin, and sin is nothing else but the transgression of the law ([1 John 3:4](#)), what is your prospect for living? Here is it: “For the wages of sin is death.” [Romans 6:23](#). “The soul that sinneth it shall die.” [Ezekiel 18:20](#). You say you cannot live if you keep all God’s commandments; God says you cannot live if you do not keep them. If your statement were true, you would only lose this present life, and many men in times past have lost their lives for the truth of God, and we honor them for it; but if you disobey God, you will lose eternal life. Jesus says: “For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.” [Matthew 16:25](#). Satan may promise well, but he has nothing but the treasures of this world to offer, and they are all forfeited, so that he has really nothing to offer you. How different is the service of God. The apostle says: “Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.” [1 Timothy 4:8](#).

Who is not willing to suffer with Christ? When he endured so much for us, can we not endure a little for him? If it were possible for us to get to heaven without any suffering, would we not feel ashamed to say that we had never suffered for him? We have also this to comfort us, that whenever we suffer for the truth, he suffers with us, and accounts all injury done to his people as done to himself. And to crown all, we are assured that “if we suffer we shall also reign with him,” and that “our light affliction,

which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”

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## **THE BLOODY CITY** BY TED SCHULTZ (Continued)

### **WRONG PREMISE LEADS TO A WRONG CONCLUSION**

It is claimed that abortion is not murder because the unborn is not even a person and will not be until the baby is out of the womb and breathing on its own. It is claimed that “personhood” comes at birth and not before. It is also believed that the idea that “personhood” begins at conception is not biblical but is a Roman Catholic idea which came from paganism. In fact, the unborn is not even really human and not even to be considered alive until it is born. “Try as I may, I find it impossible to grasp or comprehend the murder of a human being not yet conceived! Roman Catholic theology traces the beginning of personhood and human existence to the time of conception, while the Scriptures designate birth as that time, when the baby has independent life by breathing on its own.” Stevens, *The Abortion Controversy*, p. 37.

“Abortion opponents’ reason, why can’t an unborn child have the right to privacy and autonomy? The answer lies in the inability of a fetus to govern itself or to make conscious choices – qualities that make for personhood, which does not take place until birth.” Ibid. pp. 67, 68.

On the contrary we observe that a baby demonstrates repeatedly every day that it is unable to govern itself by the fact that diapers must be changed for the little one for months to come. Nor can it make conscious choices for itself. The baby is completely dependent on another for its every need. The newborn infant’s inabilities are as great as those of the unborn even if it is breathing on its own. Therefore, the one born has no more personhood than the fetus if we are to use this pro-choice advocate’s standard of measurement as to what constitutes personhood.

### **THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN EXISTENCE**

It is said that man does not possess personhood until he is born and draws his first breath. The Scripture that is used to support this idea is Genesis 2:7. “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.” We notice in this

Scripture that man received his first breath from the Creator and then man became a living soul. The creation of Adam was unique. He did not come into existence through the procreative process. Neither have all women down through the ages come from the rib of a man as Eve did. These were one-time events at the creation of the world. All subsequent humanity has come into existence through the procreative process with which the Creator endowed mankind. Inspiration speaks of God’s creative power continually upholding all things animate and inanimate. Notice this beautiful and insightful statement from the pen of inspiration.



In the creation of man was manifest the agency of a personal God. When God had made man in His image, the human form was perfect in all its arrangements, but it was without life. Then a personal, self-existing God breathed into that form the breath of life, and man became a living, intelligent being. All parts of the human organism were set in action. The heart, the arteries, the veins, the tongue, the hands, the feet, the senses, the faculties of the mind, all began their work, and all were placed under law. Man became a living soul. Through Christ the Word, a personal God created man and endowed him with intelligence and power.

“Our substance was not hid from Him when we were made in secret; His eyes saw our substance, yet being imperfect, and in His book all our members were written when as yet there were none of them.

“Above all lower orders of being, God designed that man, the crowning of His creation, should express His thought and reveal His glory. But man is not to exalt himself as God.

“God is constantly employed in upholding and using as His servants the things that He has made. He works through the laws of nature, using them as His instruments. They are not self-acting. Nature in her work testifies of the intelligent presence and active agency of a Being who moves in all things according to His will.

“It is not by inherent power that year by year the earth yields its bounties and continues its march around the sun. The hand of the Infinite One is perpetually at work guiding this planet. It is God’s power continually exercised that keeps the earth in position in its rotation. It is God who causes the sun to rise in the heavens. He opens the windows of heaven and gives rain.

“It is by His power that vegetation is caused to flourish, that every leaf appears, every flower blooms, every fruit develops.

“The mechanism of the human body cannot be fully understood; it presents mysteries that baffle the most intelligent. It is not as the result of a mechanism, which, once set in motion, continues its work, that the pulse beats and breath follows breath. In God we live and move and have our being. The beating heart, the throbbing pulse, every nerve and muscle in the living organism, is kept in order and activity by the power of an ever-present God.” Ministry of Healing, pp. 415-417.

We see by the above statement that all things created operate under laws that the Creator Himself has established. But new life in this world does not come into existence through the instrumentality of the fixed laws of nature alone. The Creator uses the laws of nature “as His servants” while He is personally “perpetually at work” guiding all things in His creation. Truly, in the Creator “we live and move and have our being.” Acts 17:28. This fact goes wholly unrecognized by the pro-choice advocates. All mankind (except for Adam and Eve) are the product of pro-creation. “In the creation of man was manifest the agency of a personal God.” Ibid.

“If men would open their understanding to discern the relation between nature and nature’s God, faithful acknowledgments of the Creator’s power would be heard. Without the life of God, nature would die. His creative works are dependent on Him. He bestows life-giving properties on all that nature produces. We are to regard the trees laden with fruit as the gift of God, just as much as though He placed the fruit in our hands (MS 114, 1899).” Seventh-day Adventist Commentary, Vol. 7-A, p. 1081. If the fruit of the tree is to be so regarded, what then of the fruit of the womb? Both man and woman live and move and have their being through an all-powerful Creator who is

continually involved in their existence. When man and woman come together in union the laws of nature are at work in conception and a personal Creator God is at work using “His servants” “the laws of nature” to bring about that conception and every phase of development of the pro-created one. “Did not he that made me in the womb make him? And did not one fashion us in the womb?” Job 31:15. When the one conceived in the womb is aborted, not only is the unborn child aborted, but the Creator’s work in pro-creation is also aborted. This is assuming the prerogatives of God. The Creator’s laws of nature are broken. “The hand of the Infinite One [Who] is perpetually at work” through “His servants” “the laws of nature” is rejected and left totally unrecognized. The fact that the Creator is perpetually at work in upholding all of His creation is completely unrecognized in abortion, both by the one doing the abortion and the one having the abortion. The call of the three angels’ messages to worship Him who created heaven and earth restores the Creator back to His rightful place in the heart and mind of man as the one who is the ever-present, personal, and active agency in all of His vast creation.

## **ABORTION AND THE FIRST ANGEL’S MESSAGE**

It is impossible to hearken to the first angel’s message to worship the creator and at the same time abort the Creator’s work. Nor is it possible to be a true Sabbath keeper and be involved in abortion.

The Sabbath is a perpetual covenant, a sign “forever” (Exodus 31:16-17) of the creative power of God. It is a perpetual sign because His authority and power in all of His created universe is continually, without a moments break, active. There never is a moment that it ceases. It is perpetual. The Hebrew word for perpetual is *olam* which means eternal, everlasting, evermore, and without end. Those who worship the Creator as commanded in the first angel’s message recognize that fact. The slogans of the world, such as, “my body my choice” runs contrary to the thinking of the remnant who worship the Creator “and give glory to Him” (Rev. 14:7) with a soul, body, and spirit commitment to the biblical teaching that we “are not our own.” (1 Corinthians 6:19). “For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” 1 Corinthians 6:20.

The call to worship the Creator is part of the proclamation of the everlasting gospel and the judgment hour message. Abortion is a direct denial of the three angels' messages. Those who believe that abortion is an expression of freedom of conscience and religious liberty, as has been expressed in various church publications and even formally produced statements on abortion, are operating under a grand deception. Abortion is satanic. How is it that an unborn child must face torture and death because of someone else's sin? Where is the Bible text that gives allowance for the unborn child to be aborted because the father is a criminal? On the contrary the Bible says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son." Ezekiel 18:20.

### **WHERE ARE THE VOICES OF WARNING?**

"Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled. Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none." Ezekiel 7:23-25. "Men of experience have seen stealthy hands slipping the bolts that Satan might enter, yet they have held their peace with apparent indifference as to the results....These persons do not realize that God holds them responsible for every advantage gained by the foe who is admitted to the fort. The desolation and ruin following lie at the door of the unfaithful sentinels, who by their neglect, become agents in the hands of the adversary to win souls to destruction." Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 4, pp. 211, 212.



"If wrongs are apparent among His people, and if the servants of God pass on indifferent to them, they virtually sustain and justify the sinner, and are alike guilty and will just as surely receive the displeasure of God; for they will be made responsible for the sins of the guilty. In vision I have been pointed to many instances where the displeasure of God has been incurred by the neglect on the part of His servants to deal with the wrongs and sins existing among them. Those who have excused these wrongs have been

thought by the people to be very amiable and lovely in disposition, simply because they shunned to discharge a plain, Scriptural duty. The task was not agreeable to their feelings; therefore they avoided it." Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 5, p. 676.

Where are the voices of "the servants of God?" Above all people, would not the ordained ministers of the churches who are sustained from the sacred tithe be classed as "the servants of God?" Where is there any voice of concern expressed in regard to the abomination of the abortion business being carried on for over fifty years among us as a denominated people? Oh how many pass on in selfish silence for fear of the people. According to the Scriptures we can know of a certainty that God will judge for this matter. Who will open their mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. (Prov. 31:8)? Who will rise up and vindicate God's character in this matter? Why would anyone want to join a church that insists that the fourth commandment should be kept when that same church regularly and systematically violates the sixth commandment? Many who have pondered this matter have not seen the least consistency in it. Indeed there have been those who have been won over to the wonderful truths that Adventism offers and have chosen to join the church. After joining the church they find out that the church's medical institutions perform abortions. In horror and disgust, they leave the church. There are those who have been in the church for many years, who finding out about the abortion issue leave the church.

### **THE FRUIT OF SILENCE AND NEUTRALITY**

"If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; if thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? And he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? And shall not he render to every man according to his works?" Proverbs 24:11, 12. It is a selfish heart that remains silent while knowing that the unborn are being delivered unto death. The church will, as a corporate body, not be able to plead ignorance and say "we knew it not." Neither is the church as a corporate body justly able to assume a neutral position on abortion. What kind of church is it that speaks always of the sanctity of life on the one hand, but speaks of abortion as a means of "population control" on the other? What kind of church is it that champions "freedom of

conscience” when the issue of abortion is considered, but will receive millions of dollars from gambling even when it is against its own church manual? What kind of a church is it that conveys a strong pro-life stance in its formal statements, but then on the other hand tells the secular press that the denomination would “steer a middle-of-the-road-course” in regard to abortion? (George B. Gainer, Ministry, August, 1991). What kind of church is it that leads the world to believe that it takes a strong stand against abortion and then says “though we walk the fence, Adventists lean toward abortion rather than against it.”? (Ibid. Quoting Neal C. Wilson, president of the North American Division as he made a statement that was carried by the Religious News Service). What kind of church is it that for over fifty years knowingly held two positions regarding abortion? One position,



presented to Adventist ministers, laity, and the general public, had the appearance of a restrictive stance on abortion while the unpublished Interruption of Pregnancy Guidelines

permitted the church’s medical institutions a free hand in the lucrative practice of abortion. (Ibid). What kind of church is it that says it will not strive to have any law formed either for or against abortion (Ibid), but then appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court to enact a law that changes the biblical doctrine of when life begins so that the church’s pro-choice position can be maintained? What kind of a church is it where two thirds of its leaders and article writers favor a pro-choice [pro-abortion] agenda? (Nic Samojluk, Murder in Paradise, p. 238). What kind of church is it that says, “Abortion prohibition has as its origin in paganism, not Scripture”? (Pacific Union Recorder, August 20, 1990, p. 12). These things have been done under the supervision of its highest managing bodies and communicated through the church’s official publications. What kind of church is it? It is a church wherein the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles. Romans 2:24. It is a church wherein Christ has been put to an open shame. The church was raised up to be repairers of the breach in the law of God. The church corporately, instead, has made another breach in the law by its systematic violation of the sixth commandment through the abortions carried out in its institutions. This fifty-year history of abortion within the Seventh-day Adventist church demonstrates that the church, in actual practice, has set itself squarely

against the law of God. This history stands as an immutable testimony against us that we have a name that we live but are dead – professing to be commandment-keepers but are not. This fifty-year history testifies to the church itself that it is not that group spoken of in Revelation 14:12. “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” We may, as a denomination, claim to be Sabbath-keepers, but if we break the sixth commandment, we are violators of the law of God just same as if we violated the fourth commandment. “For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.” James 2:10.

“Let us here the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.” Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14.

“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.” Revelation 22:14.

“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.” 1 John 5:3, 4.

### **“I HAVE BEEN SHOWN THAT THE PEOPLE AT LARGE DO NOT KNOW.”**

In the alpha apostasy Ellen White was given testimony after testimony that was directed to physicians and ministers. Those series of testimonies were published as Letters to Physicians and Ministers. During the alpha apostasy she said, “I knew that the omega would follow in a little while: and I trembled for our people.” Letters to Physicians and Ministers, Series B, No. 2, p. 53. The warnings contained in those messages signaled judgments that would surely come if the recipients of those messages did not repent. They did not repent, and judgments fell upon our institutions as God had promised. On February 18, 1902, the Battle Creek Sanitarium burned to the ground. Because this great loss did not bring repentance, on December 30, 1902, “a sword as of fire” (Manuscript Releases, Vol. 4, p. 367) struck the Review and Herald Publishing Company. The very same issues that brought about these judgments



upon two major institutions of our church exist even more so today especially with the performing of abortions in our medical institutions.

The testimonies written to physicians and ministers are testifying to us still. The reasons for God's judgments upon the church have been given. "Covetousness has been woven into nearly all the business transactions of the institution [the publishing house], and has been practiced by individuals. This influence has spread like the leprosy, until it has tainted and corrupted the whole [General Conference Association]....the wrong principles remain unchanged. The same work that has been done in the past will be carried forward under the guise of the General Conference Association. The sacred character of this Association is fast disappearing. What will then be respected as pure, holy, and undefiled? Will there be any voice that God's people can regard as a voice they can respect? There certainly is nothing now that bears the divine credentials. Sacred things are mixed and mingled with earthly business that has no connection with God. To a large degree the General Conference Association has lost its sacred character, because some connected with it have not changed their sentiments in any particular since the Conference held at Minneapolis. Some in responsible positions go on 'frowardly' in the way of their own hearts....Who can now feel sure that they are safe in respecting the voice of the General Conference Association? If the people in our churches understood the management of the men who walk in the light of the sparks of their own kindling, would they respect their decisions? I answer, No, not for a moment. I have been shown that the people at large do not know that the heart of the work is being diseased and corrupted at Battle Creek [the General Conference headquarters]." The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials, pp. 1566-1568.

It stands as a monumental testament to God's love and mercy that our medical institutions today have not been struck with "a sword of fire." Likewise, our publishing houses are publishing material altogether as dangerous to the soul as abortions are to the bodies of the unborn.

Many in the church have not been aware of the abomination of all the abortions that have been taking place in the church's institutions under the watch and

supervision of General Conference and North American Division leaders over the last fifty years. Dear reader, God will most assuredly judge for these things that have brought His name into disrepute before the unbelieving world. We must raise our voices against this evil. This booklet has been produced to assist those who wish to warn those within the sphere of their influence against this evil work that has been carried on for so long in the name of the Lord. Those who are warned may then have a better understanding of matters as the judgments of God unfold.

### **"GOD WILL TAKE THE BODIES NEXT."**

"Three nights before the Review office burned, I was in an agony that words cannot describe. I could not sleep. I walked the room, praying to God to have mercy upon His people. Then I seemed to be in the Review office, with men who have the management of the institution. I was trying to speak to them and thus help them. One of authority arose and said, 'You say, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we; therefore we have authority to do this thing and that thing and the other thing. But the word of God forbids many of the things that you propose to do.' At His first advent, Christ cleansed the temple. Prior to His second advent, He will again cleanse the temple. Why? Because commercial work has been brought in, and God has been forgotten. With hurry here and hurry there somewhere else, there was no time to think of heaven. The principles of God's law were presented, and I heard the question asked, 'How much of the law have you obeyed?' Then the word was spoken, 'God will cleanse and purify His temple in His displeasure.' In the visions of the night, I saw a sword of fire hung out over Battle Creek. Brethren, God is in earnest with us. I want to tell you that if after the warnings given in these burnings, the leaders of our people go right on, just as they have done in the past, exalting themselves, God will take the bodies next. Just as surely as He lives, He will speak to them in language that they cannot fail to understand." Manuscript Releases, Vol. 4, p. 367, 368.

### **LOVE OF TRUTH OR LOVE OF DECEPTION**

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked." Galatians 6:7. "But few know what our churches are to experience. I saw that at present we are under divine forbearance, but no one can say how long this will continue. No one knows how great the mercy that has been

exercised toward us.” Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 5, p. 76.

“Men cannot with impunity reject the warnings which God in mercy sends them. A message was sent from Heaven to the world in Noah’s day, and their salvation depended upon the manner in which they treated that message. Because they rejected the warning, the Spirit of God was withdrawn from the sinful race, and they perished in the waters of the flood. In the time of Abraham, mercy ceased to plead with the guilty inhabitants of Sodom, and all but Lot with his wife and two daughters were consumed by the fire sent down from heaven. So in the days of Christ. The Son of God declared to the unbelieving Jews of that generation, ‘Your house is left unto you desolate.’ [Matthew 23:38.] Looking down to the last days, the same infinite power declares, concerning those who ‘received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved,’ ‘For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie; that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.’ [2 Thessalonians 2:10-12.] As they reject the teachings of His word, God withdraws His Spirit, and leaves them to the deceptions which they love.” The Great Controversy (1888), p. 431.

The teaching among us that killing the unborn is a



religious liberty issue is not biblical. It is a lie and a deception. The teaching among us, even in our doctrinal book, Seventh-day Adventists Believe..., that life begins at birth and not conception is also not biblical. It too is a lie and a deception. These false teachings have caused many to completely disregard the sixth commandment. It has ever been Satan’s purpose to overthrow the law of God. (The Great Controversy, p. 582). The fact that the General Conference appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court to change this biblical doctrine demonstrates how far in the dark those in high positions of influence have gone. Is this a precursor of the position of what the leaders in highest positions in the church will do when the Sunday law comes? Will they take positions on the law of God just as General Conference leaders and the leaders of the church in Germany (and other countries) took during World Wars One and Two? If history is repeated, the answers to those questions are

ominous. If the great deceiver can get professed commandment-keepers to break only one commandment his purpose is accomplished. The pro-choice/pro-abortion arguments within the church today have paved the way for Satan’s warfare against the law of God to be carried out in the church. Let everyone be on their guard. The carrying out of abortions within the church for such a long time has warped the moral fabric of the church. Even if the church quit doing abortions altogether the blight that now rests upon the church would take a very long time to counteract – that is, if it could now be counteracted at all. The disgraceful reputation that the church has earned in the eyes of the world on the abortion abomination can never be erased. The lives of thousands upon thousands of unborn children which have been blotted out stand as a bloody testimony against the church. Truly it can be said that the church is “the bloody city.” Ezekiel seven says that the bloody city became “a reproach unto the heathen, and a mocking to all countries.” It further reveals how the bloody city profaned God’s holy Sabbaths. Every Seventh-day Adventist must read the section titled “The Seal of God” in the fifth volume of Testimonies for the Church. Pages 207- 216 give a delineation of what our church is to experience.

The peace and safety messages heard in nearly every church today are not meeting the dire needs of the churches at this time. Each church member must be responsible for themselves as to what they know and understand and have as a life experience. The ten-page message contained in volume five of the testimonies starting at page 207 is a life and death message. Please read this message for yourself. Know this of a certainty, you will not hear this message from our pulpits today. You must read it and know it for yourself.

At great expense the church has convened various meetings to produce statements on abortion. The statements produced have been said to be quasi-official to official. But with all the meetings, talk, and statements produced over the decades, the church has gone straight forward with the godless business of abortion. What the church has professed to the world has not matched what the church has been doing in the least measure. The world has been watching. The witness that has been given is deplorable. It has been a lying witness. For all the innocent blood shed there will be an accounting. “And also for the innocent

blood, that he [Manasseh] shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD would not pardon." 2 Kings 24:4. Because king Manasseh and his assistants filled Jerusalem with blood, the nation was judged and found guilty, and retribution followed. So it is today. Leaders in highest positions in the church have watched over and presided in the abortion business for many years. The church is awash in the blood of the innocent ones. "The LORD will not pardon" for this abomination practiced among us.

## **GOD WILL HAVE A REMNANT**

Those who humble themselves and repent will receive pardon for their sins. Manasseh was punished for his sin, but he repented and God graciously forgave him. So it will be with the remnant at the end of time. They have all sinned; but if they will confess and forsake their sins, their sins will be pardoned. "The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid." Zephaniah 3:13. **(END)**

Ellen G. White wrote: "**Grains, fruits, nuts, and vegetables, in proper combination, contain all the elements of nutrition; and when properly prepared, they constitute the diet that best promotes both physical and mental strength.**"



### **VEGAN CREAM OF POTATO SOUP**

**By Wayne Wright**

#### **Ingredients**

- 6 white potatoes
- 3 carrots
- 2 stalks of celery
- 1 large onion
- ½ pound asparagus (optional)
- 4 cups water (or enough to boil vegetables)
- 1 t salt
- 2 cloves of garlic
- 1 cup raw cashews
- 2 T white wheat or gluten free flour
- 2 cups plain soy or other nut milk
- Jane's Crazy Mixed-Up Salt to taste (or substitute your favorite seasoned salt)

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

Peel and cube potatoes into approximately ½ inch squares. Thinly slice carrots and celery. Dice Onion and

mince garlic. Place add all vegetables to a large pan, add salt and enough water to cover vegetables. If using asparagus, cut into 1-inch slices and add to vegetables when they are about half way cooked.

Add cashews, flour and enough milk to a blender to thoroughly cream the cashews, then add remainder of milk. Once the vegetables are cooked, add cashew milk mixture to soup and bring to a slow simmer. Add seasoned salt and cook for an additional 5 minutes.

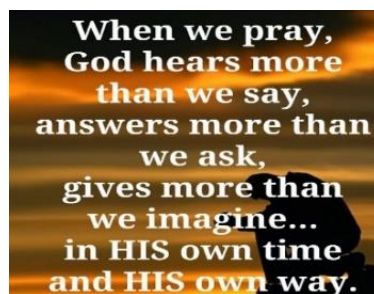
**Thanks Wayne! This soup is delicious! Send in easy recipes for yummy vegan dishes!!**

## **He IS Coming Soon! Let's Be Ready!**

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