

THE WATCHMEN



Where Are They?

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“Unless the minister shall fearlessly declare the whole truth, unless he shall have an eye single to the glory of God and shall work under the direction of the great Captain of his salvation, unless he shall move to the front, irrespective of **censure and uncontaminated by applause, he will be accounted an unfaithful watchman**” (*Testimonies*, 5:263).

A Message for Kings and Common Men

The First - Sin, Rebellion, Watchman

In Genesis 1 & 2 God created a perfect order. He established family, marriage, worship and human civilization. There were no prison systems, no police, no criminal defense attorneys and no family crisis centers. Everything was within the will of God for mankind.

In Genesis 3 we have the first sin. Now, here is the example of God. And as soon as there was sin how did God respond? Did He remain quiet? Did He say, “Well it’s not my problem?” No. God, the first true Watchman (Daniel 4:13, 17) instantly set into motion the plan of salvation that had been ordained before the earth was made (Revelation



13:8). God engaged His creation and preached the very first gospel message in Genesis 3:15 when He said to the serpent: “I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel” Genesis 3:15.

Then in Genesis 4 we have the very first rebellion on planet earth when Cain rejected God and decided to build a civilization absent from the “presence of the Lord.”

“And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden ... and he builded a city” Genesis 4:16, 17.

Cain basically said that he didn’t need God, and he wanted a society free from any

accountability. What was the result of this godless society? A period of immorality and great wickedness followed similar to what we are seeing today. In Genesis 6 we read how Cain's society became so bad that God had to send a flood to bring an end to that wicked generation:

"GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" Genesis 6:5.

Notice how the role of the watchman comes into this scenario. In Genesis 5, while all this wickedness was going on, God was watching and observing everything—in spite of man's unwillingness to have anything to do with God. God sent a wonderful watchman to preach to that wicked generation of their ungodly deeds calling them to repentance.

"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, 'Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.' These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage" Jude 1:14-16.

God didn't waste any time. In Genesis 3 we have the first sin. In Genesis 4 we have the first rebellion. And in Genesis 5:22-24 we have the first watchman/evangelist, a preacher of righteousness. A watchman has always been in God's plan.



Enoch was a watchman during the great antediluvian rebellion before the flood.

Nineveh, the Great City

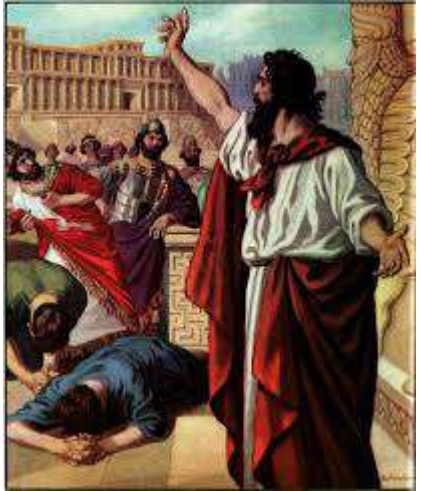
Then we see the example of Nineveh, a non-Israelite city that was in rebellion against God. Here we have a people who does not even profess to follow the God of Abraham—yet God sends them a message of

repentance through the prophet Jonah. What business is it to God to care about people who don't even profess to serve Him? Consider this:

“Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh” Jeremiah 32:27.

Whenever any people starts heading in a direction God sees as dangerous, He sends them a message of warning. The warning was of a coming judgment upon Nineveh. And who was the message for? It was for both the common man in the market place and the pagan, unbelieving king. Notice the response:

“So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?” Jonah 3:5-9.



Elijah delivered a message to the nation as well as to the King of Israel.

Elijah and King Ahab

When God's own people abandoned Him and began worshipping idols, God sent Elijah with a message to both the people and the King of Israel.

“Elijah shows no timidity, neither does he show the least reverence to the king. The man whom God has talked with, and who has

a clear sense of how God regards man in his sinful depravity, has no apology to make to Ahab nor homage to give him” (*Testimonies*, 3:278).

Elijah could stand fearless before the King of Israel because he was

a servant who bowed often before the King of kings.

Nathan and King David

What about David, king of Israel? When David sinned against God, how was his sin revealed to him? Did the paparazzi take pictures of his affair and publish an exposé in the local tabloid newspapers? Did King David overhear gossip about his affair during church potluck? No. The fact is that no one was willing to say a word.

David found out about the gravity of his sin because of a watchman, a preacher of righteousness, a prophet of God who had the boldness to stand up to the king and say what nobody else would say — “You have sinned against God Almighty!”



The Prophet Nathan revealed to King David his sin.

More Watchmen Prophets

Then there was the Prophet Isaiah who was raised up by God to be the counselor to four different kings. Isaiah lived during the last years of the northern kingdom and served during the reign of Uzziah (Azariah), Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah.

During the time of the Babylonian captivity of God's people, the Prophet Jeremiah delivered a solemn warning to the king, to the elders, the leaders and the common people in the nation of Israel.

At the same time God raised up the Prophet Ezekiel who was taken captive into Babylon along with many exiles from Jerusalem. Ezekiel proclaimed his message to the captives within Babylon.

God raised up Daniel the prophet and brought him into the household of the King of Babylon to remind Nebuchadnezzar that there is a



God in heaven who is Sovereign over all nations and kings. Daniel testified to the King of Babylon that there is One who sets up kings and takes them down.

God had everything covered. He has always had faithful sentinels and watchmen to

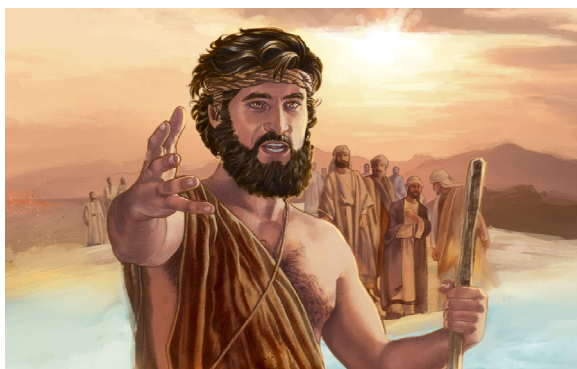
deliver His message in every crisis or emergency. It was God's design that the message reach the king on the throne as well as the common people in the market place. God has always worked this way.

John the Baptist and King Herod

What about the New Testament? Are there examples of watchmen who delivered God's message to both the king and the common person? Yes, John the Baptist delivered God's word to all who came to the Jordan River seeking baptism through repentance, but his message was not just limited to the Jordan River Valley.

John the Baptist had the audacity to say what no one dared to say. Other people knew of the situation but only the true watchman is willing to address it. John the Baptist told King Herod that he was in sin and needed to repent (Mark 6:18).

But John the Baptist's message didn't originate with himself. It was



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God's message. Had King Herod, King David, King Ahab and all the other disobedient leaders been reading and studying the Holy Scriptures for themselves, God would have spoken directly to their hearts. God wouldn't have needed to send a watchman. When people don't pray and study God cannot speak to their hearts. That is why certain prophets

were raised up to try to reach those who were running away from God. God wants to save and redeem every person, even those who are not walking in His ways.

"Amid discord and strife, a voice was heard from the wilderness, a voice startling and stern, yet full of hope: 'Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' **With a new and strange power it moved the people.** Prophets had foretold the coming of Christ as an event far in the future; but here was an announcement that it was at hand. John's singular appearance carried the minds of his hearers back to the ancient seers. In his manner and dress he resembled the prophet Elijah. **With the spirit and power of Elijah he denounced the national corruption, and rebuked the prevailing sins.** His words were plain, pointed, and convincing. Many believed him to be one of the prophets risen from the dead. The whole nation was stirred. Multitudes flocked to the wilderness" (*The Desire of Ages*, 104).

The Apostle Peter

In the Book of Acts the Apostle Peter entered the Jewish temple and delivered a message to all the worshippers and to the Sanhedrin—the ruling class of the Jewish nation. What was his message? Under the power of the Holy Spirit Peter proclaimed that the nation had “killed” the “Prince of Life” (Jesus) and God was calling them to repent. If the Jews had repented, then God would “blot out their sins” and the “times of refreshing” would come. God would send Jesus once again to the Jewish nation (Acts 3:15-20).

This important message of redemption and restoration was preached both to the ruling class and to those in the market place. This has always been God’s method. The reason for following this plan is simply because everyone is under the authority of God; even those who don’t want to listen.



Peter delivered his message to the regular worshippers and to the Sanhedrin.

We say that the home was instituted in the Garden of Eden by God. Everyone says “Amen!” We say that the church is founded upon Christ. Everyone says “Amen!” What about civil society? God created civil governments too. We have not been left all alone to figure this out. (See Genesis 9, Deuteronomy 4, 28 and 30).

If leaders of civil governments would follow basic principles of truth, justice and honesty, our society would be in a much better situation. If everyone would simply follow the Bible and keep God’s commandments (the moral law as given in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5), then there would be no more crime. There would be no murders, violence, robberies, rapes or fraud and society would have peace and prosperity.

There would be no need for law enforcement, the criminal justice system, defense attorneys, federal prosecutors, prisons or judges. They would all lose their jobs and be out of work if people would obey God’s word and keep His commandments. God has given us instructions for civil society that if followed would bring the highest possible happiness and standard of life!

Jesus, the True Watchman

Jesus was a true watchman when He came to our world. Remember, it was Christ who sent Elijah, Jeremiah and John the Baptist. Not

only did Jesus ordain their mission; He also approved of their message and endorsed their methods. Why? Because Jesus was also a Watchman. Let's see how the first-hand eyewitness described Jesus' preaching and teaching style. These are the people who actually saw and heard Him preach.

"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, 'Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?' And they said, 'Some say thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets'" Matthew 16:13, 14.

People confused Jesus with John the Baptist, Elijah and Jeremiah. They confused Jesus with the same John the Baptist who reproved certain leaders when declaring: "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance" Matthew 3:7, 8.

The Jews confused Christ with the same Elijah who denounced the nation for embracing idolatry (1 Kings 18:21). The Jews who saw and heard Jesus preach firsthand confused Him with Jeremiah who stood at the gate of the temple and laid out the sins of the nation (Jeremiah 7:1-13). Are these the same prophets whom the Jews confused Jesus with? Yes!



Watchmen of Today

Today's watchmen are afraid to address the lawlessness that is taking place in our culture. They are afraid to address any message to the king, the president or to our leaders. Our only hope for revival and reformation in our nation is for there to be a revival and a boldness in our pulpits, in our pastors and people. We need to be true watchmen.

"In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import—the proclamation of the first, second and third angels' messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention. The most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given us to proclaim to the world" (*Testimonies*, 9:19).

Where are the leaders in our church today who will speak out against the prevailing sins of this day? Sadly, the church doesn't want

to address these issues. We can't handle the bad press. **Most of our preachers will never give a warning against the radicals in the LGBTQ+ movement because they don't want to create controversy.** They don't want to hurt the success of the church which they define by the number of members and the giving of offerings. If we remain silent we will be accused in the day of judgment of NOT preaching the "entire counsel of God" (Acts 20:27).

"The ancient men, those to whom God had given great light and who had stood as guardians of the spiritual interests of the people, had betrayed their trust ... Thus **'Peace and safety'** is the cry from men who will never again lift up their voice like a trumpet to show God's people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their sins. **These dumb dogs that would not bark are the ones who feel the just vengeance of an offended God**" (*Testimonies*, 5:211).

Remember, it is the church of Laodicea (Rev. 3:15, 16) that doesn't want to upset the cultural conformity of today. However, the early church preached all of God's counsel, and notice what they were accused of: **"These that have turned the world upside down"** Acts 17:6.

The early church was accused of trying to change the culture of the entire world! Praise the Lord! They weren't worried as to what others thought about them. They cared more about the honor of God and the salvation of souls.

If only Seventh-day Adventists could be accused of trying to change the hearts and minds of lost souls in this present age. If we would only stand up against the floodgates of iniquity sweeping through society, then the warning message would close with power, Christ would come and we would be taken home to glory. But as long as the church cares more about political correctness and not offending anyone, we will continue our spiritual declension and compromise our God-given mission.

"The true people of God, who have the spirit of the work of the Lord and the salvation of souls at heart, will ever view sin in its real, sinful character. They will always be on the side of faithful and plain dealing



with sins which easily beset the people of God. Especially in the closing work for the church, in the sealing time of the one hundred and forty-four thousand who are to stand without fault before the throne of God, will they feel most deeply the wrongs of God's professed people" (*Testimonies*, 3:266).

"God keeps a reckoning with the nations, as well as with individuals. He allows nations a certain period of probation, and gives them evidences of his requirements, of his supremacy, and makes known to



them his laws which are to be the rule of his kingdom in the government of nations. All this he does that heathen nations may not be given up to destruction unwarned and without light; but after he has given them evidence and light, and they still persist in insolence

God has always had a message for the ruling class as well as for the citizens.

toward Him, then, when iniquity is full, as in the case of the Amorites, God takes the matter in hand, and His judgments are no longer withheld" (*Youth's Instructor*, February 1, 1894).

Salt of the Earth

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men" Matthew 5:13.

The value of salt is not simply to give our food more flavor. Salt is also a decontaminant and can be used to keep open wounds from becoming infected. Salt is a preservative and can keep certain foods from corrupting and rotting when there is no refrigeration.

If Jesus said that we are the salt of the earth, then where are the salt shakers and why aren't we using them? Where is the church; and more importantly, where is her saltiness today? Where is the strong Christian influence and witness that is to disinfect the corruption and rot that exists in our culture? Sadly, the salt is losing its savor.

Today in the church we have too many climatologists, political scientists, sociologists, sexual revisionists, gender theorists, feminists, ecumenists and a host of other modern, cultural experts. But what we need the most are watchmen. **Where are the watchmen?**

In biblical times the watchmen's job was to sound an alarm by either



crying out or by blowing a trumpet. They were commissioned to stand on the top of the walls of the city. With the precision of an eagle's eye, the watchmen would look out into the distance to see what was coming. If any threat was seen approaching the city, the watchmen would sound the alarm and warn the people. The gates of the city would be shut in order to protect the people.

Where are the pastors today who are supposed to be protecting God's people? Where are those who used to "cry aloud" and "spare not?" Where are the pastors and watchmen who used to "lift up" their voices "like a trumpet" to warn the people about certain dangers which threaten the faith? (Isaiah 58:1). God is still looking for faithful sentinels to stand up and intercede in behalf of people in need of salvation:

"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none" Ezekiel 22:30.

I do believe that Jesus is coming very soon. I do look for the day when the eastern sky will open, our Lord Jesus will return, the final trumpet will sound, and in the twinkling of an eye we will meet Him in the air. But what if the Lord should tarry for 5 years or for another 10 years? What kind of world are we going to live in if Christ does not return soon? What will our church look like if Christ should tarry? Just in the last 15 years alone we have seen the moral collapse and corruption of society. What else can we expect? But the most important question is, who is going to stand up for truth and righteousness?

Someone needs to speak out and warn against the prevailing iniquities. Someone needs to stand up for the house of God, for our people and for our children. Will the news media do this? Are we going to look to politicians to help us? What about the fallen churches?

Unless there is a revival in the pulpits, unless there is a revival among the watchmen and the pastors, we are in danger of losing both

society and our churches. Unless the watchmen begin blowing the trumpet against real present dangers that are coming in almost daily from a godless, post-Christian culture, then we will continue to see more and more spiritual casualties among the ranks of the church.

Make no mistake; we are in a war. While a flood of anti-biblical sentiment is sweeping both our world and the church, God is calling for His watchmen to stand up and boldly declare, “Thus saith the Lord” to this generation. God tells us, there is “a time to keep silent and a time to speak” (Ecclesiastes 3:7). **This is not the time to be silent.**

Where are the Watchmen?

The church is in danger not because of the worldly influences by a godless society – No! God’s people are in danger because the watchmen and the pastors are failing to do their job by remaining silent when they ought to be crying out! They are not willing to call sin by its right name. Notice the experience that the watchmen need today:

“I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war” Jeremiah 4:19.

This is how the work of the third angel will end. Under the power of the Latter Rain God’s faithful watchmen will be doing two things:

“They were impelled to zealously 1) declare the truth, and 2) the danger which threatened souls. The words which the Lord gave them they uttered, fearless of consequences, and the people were compelled to hear the warning. Thus the message of the third angel will be proclaimed” (*The Great Controversy*, 606).

Where are these pastors and watchmen today? Sadly, many of them have become CEOs of corporations instead of God-appointed preachers of righteousness. Many today see the work of the ministry as a career choice instead of a sacred calling. Many today use the ministry to advance their own personal ambitions instead of the cause of Christ.

If the watchmen fail in the exercise of their sacred duties, souls will be lost and they will have blood on their hands in the Day of Judgment (Ezekiel 33:6). However, if the faithful sentinels discharge their duties,



then souls will be saved for God’s kingdom. Not all will heed the warning but some will and we will meet those people in God’s kingdom one day.

The only hope for the church today is to see the return of the watchmen. The good news is that God will raise up individuals during this period of earth’s history to declare the much needed truths for this time and to confront the dangers facing God’s people. The only question is, “Where are they?”



WATCHMAN BLOW THE GOSPEL TRUMPET

By H.L. Gilmour

**Watchman, blow the gospel trumpet,
Ev'ry soul a warning give;
Whosoever hears the message
May repent, and turn, and live.**

Chorus

**Blow the trumpet, trusty watchman,
Blow it loud o'er land and sea;
God commissions, sound the message!
Ev'ry captive may be free.**

**Sound it loud o'er ev'ry hilltop,
Gloomy shade, and sunny plain;
Ocean depths repeat the message,
Full salvation's glad refrain.**

**Sound it in the hedge and highway,
Earth's dark spots where exiles roam;
Let it tell all things are ready,
Father waits to welcome home.**

**Sound it for the heavy laden,
Weary, longing to be free.
Sound a Savior's invitation,
Sweetly saying, "Come to me."**

Pagan Worship Marked the Opening Ceremony for Pope Francis' Meeting with Amazon Bishops

On October 4, 2019 in the Vatican Gardens, Pope Francis presided over the opening ceremony for the upcoming Pan-Amazon Synod of Bishops. Even though the Synod officially began October 6, 2019 and ended October 27,

2019 [1], the opening ceremony was held 2 days earlier. Indians from the Amazon offered prayers and praises to the earth during this pictured ceremony that was far more pagan than Christian.

The agenda for this much-awaited Vatican meeting was published months ago. The plan was not to con-



vert the indigenous people of the Amazon to the gospel of Christ. The working document was more focused on converting the entire Christian world to earth worship. This Amazon Synod promoted **pagan mysticism, Sunday sacredness, women's ordination, eco-revolution and ecumenism.** [2]

Even before the official start of the Synod, indigenous leaders from the Amazon brought their pagan idolatry to the Vatican during a ceremony dedicated to Mother Earth. Wood carvings, candles, clay pots, coconuts, fruits and other objects representing the Amazon Jungle were placed on the ground while Roman Catholics and indigenous people formed a circle, knelt down and bowed before wood and stone – not to Christ!

All this was done as part of the inaugural ceremony while Pope Francis presided over the entire event. Prayers for the earth, elaborate tree planting rituals, pagan dances, the sprinkling of water and bowing to earthly objects were all expressions of earth worship. This sent a powerful message as to what we can expect in the coming days, weeks



Bowing down to Mother Earth.



and months.

Our “common home” and references to our planet’s ecology was what was emphasized during the Synod. Instead of preparing for our eternal and final home that God is preparing for us in heaven and the new earth (John 14:1-3), the new mission is to shape and mold this present world with nature-worship, religious mysticism and radical environmentalism. These are to become the new belief system for western civilization. This is what

the Vatican is endorsing. They are confusing God with ecology.

This pagan ceremony which took place at the Vatican Gardens is only a shadow of the radical changes that are to come. Nature is fast becoming the new gospel for Christianity as they embrace paganism and bring nature worship into the church. And it’s not just the Vatican that is embracing **pantheistic spirituality**.

Spiritualism will be the means that will unite all the churches into one body. One by one the different faiths have been lining up to embrace green earth religion. By embracing spiritualism they reject the true God and His true gospel. As men and women reject biblical truth they will believe in anything – including green spirituality, climate religion, Mother Earth, nature worship or tree hugging.

This is an abandonment of faith and a betrayal of true apostolic Christianity. Instead of promoting true faith which would help humanity escape the superstitions of paganism, they are pushing society back into a primitive stone-age civilization—in harmony with Mother Nature and the “spirits.”

“Satan determines to unite them in one body and thus



Bowing to the earth while Pope Francis looks on.

strengthen his cause by sweeping all into the ranks of Spiritualism. ... Papists, Protestants and worldlings will alike accept the form of godliness without power, and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world” (*The Great Controversy*, 588-589).

The answer to paganism and spiritualism is found in the great three-fold messages of Revelation 14:6-12. This end-time proclamation makes a call to the whole world to **“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”** Revelation 14:7.

It is a call to worship and honor God alone as our Creator who made heaven and earth. Sadly, our generation is looking for new gods to worship. We are drifting away into humanism, paganism, secularism, godlessness and anarchy. **We need to come back and see God for who He really is – a loving, personal God who is both Creator and Lord of all things, a God of law, love, mercy and justice.**

He is a God who has gone to infinite lengths making provision through Jesus Christ to save sinners, to justify and sanctify them, to impute righteousness on them, to empower them to live a new life (Jude 24) and to fit them for the glories of heaven and His kingdom made new (Revelation 22:14). He alone is worthy of our praise and worship!

[1] <https://cruxnow.com/vatican/2019/10/04/on-feast-of-st-francis-pope-joins-amazonians-to-plant-tree-at-vatican/>

[2] <http://adventmessenger.org/pope-francis-amazon-synod-will-promote-neo-paganism-sunday-womens-ordination-eco-revolution-and-ecumenism/>

[3] <https://youtu.be/H6P39Xswlzl>

Vatican Report

Catholics, Evangelicals, Adventists Meet to Promote Unity in the Worldwide Ecumenical Movement



October 8-10, 2019 – Roman Catholic Bishop Brian Farrell (red arrow on the left) with Seventh-day Adventist Ganoune Diop (red arrow on the right).

“On October 8-10, 2019 Orthodox, Anglicans, Pentecostals, **Seventh-day Adventists**, Lutherans, Mennonites, Methodists, the Reformed Churches, Evangelicals and Roman Catholics met again this year to “foster coherence within the worldwide ecumenical movement.” [1]

This news source and picture is being made available by the Vatican. This is what Rome is reporting. The information contained here was published by Vatican City, the Holy See, the universal government of the Roman Catholic Church. In fact, the Vatican also reveals that these meetings, aimed at promoting unity among the churches, have been taking place for “sixty years.” Here is the direct quote:

“Meeting without interruption for over sixty years, the Conference has significantly contributed to build trust and partnership among the Church leaders and between their respective traditions, and to foster the coherence of the ecumenical movement worldwide.

The Conference is currently chaired by Reverend Dr. Martin Junge, General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, who is seconded by the secretary, Dr. Ganoune Diop, Director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church.” [1]

This is describing the annual Conference of Secretaries of Christian World Communions (CS/CWC) which recently took place on October 8–10, 2019 in Christiansfeld, Denmark. And the purpose for these annual gatherings that have been going on for 60 years is **to “foster the coherence of the ecumenical movement worldwide.”**

“Coherence” means “a state or situation in which all the parts or ideas fit together well so that they form a united whole.” [2] And a coherence within the ecumenical movement is an attempt to unite the churches into one body. Rome is the chief architect and promoter of interfaith unity and dialog.

This goes against everything that we as Seventh-day Adventists believe in. This is a rejection and a denial of our long-standing teachings on Daniel 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, Revelation 12, 13, 14, 17 and 18. **We are joining hands with the beast of Bible prophecy to accomplish the purposes of the Dragon-Antichrist.**

Anyone who wants to believe that somehow Seventh-day Adventists are sharing the Three Angels’ Messages at these interfaith meetings is in a state of denial. We are refusing to face reality and to accept the truth. Remember, this is what Rome is reporting. Some may say that these Vatican officials are lying and making up stories. Well, the pictures don’t lie, and if that’s the case then why do we keep meeting year after year after year with these “liars” who claim publicly that Seventh-day Adventists are helping to “foster the coherence of the ecumenical movement worldwide?”

Representing the Vatican at these annual events is the Roman Catholic Bishop Brian Farrell, and representing the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is none other than Ganoune Diop. Bishop Farrell and Ganoune Diop are no strangers to each other. They have had a cordial relationship for years. **You can call these interfaith engagements anything you want to, but don’t call them part of the historical work given to God’s last-day people.**

Elder James White was a pioneer, a co-founder of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the husband of Ellen G. White, a former General Conference President and the founder of ***Present Truth*** magazine which became the *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* and finally the *Adventist Review* that we have today. Elder White’s life exemplifies what Seventh-day Adventism is all about. **He gave us important counsel on the subject of interfaith relationships with other churches. This counsel has been completely rejected. Notice what he cautions us never to do:**

“Here is a man, for instance, who does not agree with us on the subject of the second coming of Christ. He believes that we are wholly mistaken in regard to this great truth. **Can we feel union with such a man, and take him into our fellowship and communion? We cannot.** We can but feel that he shuts his eyes to some of the clearest light of the Scriptures, and refuses assent to their most unequivocal testimony. **We cannot therefore extend to him the hand of Christian fellowship.** Just so with the Sabbath. Can we fellowship [with] the man who violates it? We cannot. On a vital point connected with the teaching of the word of God, we are at issue; and the union that would otherwise exist between us, is of course destroyed. So with the subjects of baptism, the sleep of the dead, the destruction of the wicked, etc. **Where there is not agreement in theory, there can be, in the Christian sense, no real communion of heart and fellowship of feeling**” (James White, “Fifty Unanswerable Arguments,” *Review and Herald*, Vol. 19, January 14, 1862, page 52, paragraph 22) [3]

If this isn't enough for you, then notice what inspiration tells us:

“Those who turn from the plain teaching of Scripture and the convicting power of God's Holy Spirit **are inviting the control of demons**” (*The Desire of Ages*, 258).

“With the open Bible before them, and professing to reverence its teachings, many of the religious leaders of our time are destroying faith in it as the word of God” (Ibid.).

“Side by side with the preaching of the gospel, agencies are at work which are but the medium of lying spirits” (Ibid.).

“I was shown the necessity of those who believe that we are having the last message of mercy, being separate from those who are daily imbibing new errors. I saw that **neither young nor old should attend their meetings**; for it is wrong to thus encourage them while they teach error that is a deadly poison to the soul and teach for doctrines the commandments of men” (*Early Writings*, 124).

Why would we want to seek unity with those who are inviting demons into their fellowship? Why partner with those who are destroying faith in God's word by changing His moral law? Why would we willfully go and listen to lying spirits who are daily imbibing new errors? Today



Elder James White

we are creating new relationships, new cooperations and a new sense of brotherhood with the very ones we have been told to stay away from.

In the ecumenical movement every faith is reduced to just one of many paths that will supposedly take us to the same God. Under the ecumenical gospel every faith can keep believing in their own errors. This is how the work of restoring unity will keep progressing year after year. Will we continue down the path of amalgamation with all the churches and with the world's political powers? Will we participate in the healing of the deadly wound?

Or will we stay with the foundation that was laid long ago – Revelation 14:6-12. This provides a more sound basis for the future than anyone else can offer. The right template for the future can only be found in the Seventh-day Adventist movement's own history.

“We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history” (*Last Day Events*, 72).

“The power which stirred the people so mightily in the 1844 movement will again be revealed. The third angel's message will go forth, not in whispered tones, but with a loud voice” (*Testimonies* 5:252).

[1]<http://www.christianunity.va/content/unitacristiani/en/news/notizie-2019/2019-10-11-cs-cwc-denmark.html>

[2] <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/us/amp/english/coherence>

[3] <https://m.egwwritings.org/en/book/1684.1704#1709>

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 G. White

The Certainty of our Historic Seventh-day Adventist Eschatology

Over the years there have been different voices who have expressed that our historic beliefs were only useful during the 19th century; that somehow today they are no longer needed. Some have argued that our teachings about the beast and the image, the union of the churches, the enforcement of the mark, 666 and the future persecution of the remnant people are not an accurate description of the future.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The opposite is actually true. Historic Seventh-day Adventist eschatology is more accurate



and more relevant today than at any other time in history. In fact, the closer we get to the end of time the more spiritually significant our final warning message becomes.

Consider the bold predictions made over 130 years ago regarding the issues that will be at the forefront during the final crisis:

“Thus the message of the third angel will be proclaimed. As the time comes for it to be given with greatest power [Latter Rain], the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to His service. The sins of Babylon will be laid open. The fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority [Sunday law], the inroads of Spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the Papal power—all will be unmasked. By these solemn warnings the people will be stirred. Thousands upon thousands will listen who have never heard words like these....” (*The Great Controversy*, 606).

1. Rise of Papal Power

It is worthy to notice that when these predictions were made over 130 years ago the Pope was not traveling all over the world promoting a one world religion. [1] Today, Rome has achieved what medieval popes could only dream about. Rome has become the spiritual conscience of the world and the greatest geopolitical influence with regard

to spiritual matters. [2]

Rome's influence today has spread beyond medieval Western Europe. They are now working to shape the religious and political landscape in Asia, Africa, Australia, South America, North America and in all the civilized world. The healing of the deadly wound (Revelation 13:3) is one of the clearest indications that we are at the end. And unlike earthquakes, floods, wars and natural disasters **this “healing” only happens one time in Bible prophecy.**

2. A Three-fold Union

This is an astounding prediction that is now unfolding before our eyes. When Ellen White warned about the coming “three-fold union” Protestants and Catholics weren’t even having interfaith conversations. Ecumenism is a modern phenomenon. Protestants and Roman Catholics have only recently been engaging in building bridges during the last 60 years. However, inspiration predicted that not only would Protestants and Catholics unite but they would also reach across the “gulf” to embrace Spiritualism:

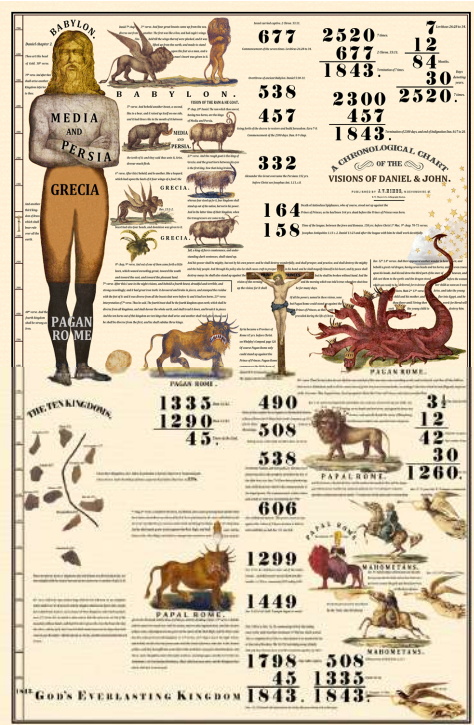
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“The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of Spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience” (*The Great Controversy*, 588).

When this statement was penned in 1888 it seemed almost incomprehensible that Bible-believing Protestants would form a “three-fold union” and would enter into collaboration and joint worship services with Roman Catholics, pagans, spiritualists, indigenous faiths, pantheists, Buddhists, Hindus, Jainism and witches. But it is happening just like Historic Seventh-day Adventist eschatology said it would. [3] [4]

3. Sunday Law Agitation

“The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the undercurrent is tending” (*Last*



Day Events, 125).

“They [the leaders] will point to calamities on land and sea—to the storms of wind, the floods, the earthquakes, the destruction by fire—as judgments indicating God’s displeasure because Sunday is not sacredly observed. These calamities will increase more and more, one disaster will follow close upon the heels of another” (*Signs of the Times*, January 17, 1884.14).

This is a topic that many Seventh-day Adventists are struggling to recognize. Our failure to heed God’s warning on this matter is causing us to take a stand on the wrong side. Two important points are made about the Sunday law in the two statements above. (1) **Sunday laws will come through stealth**; meaning that they will be mixed in with other issues to conceal their true nature. (2) **Climate disasters** will be given as one of the main reasons for establishing these Sunday laws.

Can we not see the Vatican’s effort to promote the Pope’s encyclical on climate change [*Laudato Si’*] as fulfilling the criteria given above? The Pope’s encyclical is a warning about climate change and addresses natural disasters. According to the actual text, *Laudato Si’* has a “Sunday” rest provision [section #237] and an “enforcement of law” provision [section #179]. [5]

Pope Francis’ climate encyclical *Laudato Si’* was created to be implemented as legislation. That is what Catholic experts and scholars are saying about *Laudato Si’*. This was not written to simply be a conversational piece for pastors and churches. According to Catholic experts, *Laudato Si’* is “legislation” that they are predicting will become “law” within 10 years or less. [6]

Is it just a coincidence that *Laudato Si’* was recently promoted during a high level meeting between the United States Government and the Vatican? [7] Is it just a coincidence that Rome is pushing *Laudato Si’* through more than 650 Catholic organizations worldwide? [8] Is it just a coincidence that Greta Thunburg is pushing the Pope’s climate message to America and to the world? [9]

And instead of affirming our Historic Seventh-day Adventist eschatology, instead of proclaiming the special truths of Revelation 14:6-12 (the Three Angels’ Messages) as the only solution to our world’s current moral crisis, we are joining the ranks of the enemy and embracing the climate change movement – the same movement that is promoting the Pope’s green Sunday rest agenda. [10]

We are seeing with our eyes world events that our Seventh-day Adventist pioneers wished they could see. We are witnessing prophetic fulfillments that all of the ancient prophets hoped they could live to see. **Historic Seventh-day Adventist eschatology is the culmination of all the ancient prophecies. Our teachings on the end-times are sure, clear, significant, relevant, necessary, dependable and trust-**

worthy.

We have not followed the teachings of one individual or of a small group of people. We have followed the moving of the Spirit of God through the Spirit of Prophecy. And it won't just be one person or one voice who will proclaim this solemn end-time message during the closing work. Praise God! Notice how our message will close with power as stated in *The Great Controversy*, 612:

***“By thousands of voices, all over the earth,
the warning will be given.”***

[1] <https://youtu.be/-6FfTxwTX34>

[2] <https://youtu.be/LCt7Rq0xBTs>

[3] <http://adventmessenger.org/adventists-witches-pagans-catholics-and-protestants-engage-in-interreligious-unity-and-solidarity/>

[4] <http://adventmessenger.org/adventists-muslims-buddhists-roman-catholics-evangelicals-and-pagans-gather-at-the-ring-of-peace-interfaith-ceremony/>

[5] http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_encyclica-laudato-si.html

[6] <https://religionnews.com/2019/04/26/pope-francis-laudato-si-v-the-green-new-deal/>

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