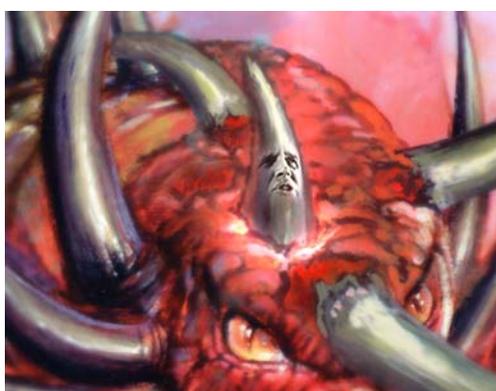


## To Beast or not To Beast?

“To Beast or not to Beast” is the name of an article that appeared in the July 19, 2012 edition of the Adventist Review. It was written by Shane Anderson, senior pastor of the New Market Seventh-day Adventist Church. This article tries to discredit the historic Adventist understanding of prophecy with regards to Roman Catholicism. It goes on to say that our traditional emphasis on the beast and the antichrist is being used to “offend people, not save them.” In addition, the author also goes on to attack those who are placing billboards exposing the anti-christ—obvious he is referring to The Eternal Gospel Ministry’s billboard campaign.



**The prophecies of the antichrist [1 John 2:18], the little horn [Dan. 7:8, 25], the beast [Rev. 13:4], the man of sin [2 Thesa. 2: 3], and the harlot woman [Rev. 17:1-5], Satan’s seat [Rev. 2:13] were placed in scripture by God. He intended for us to understand these depictions of prophecy. The application of these texts will certainly be disturbing to those who are conspiring to revive tyranny and persecution by taking the place that only belongs to God: “For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us.” Isa. 33:22.**

Here is the quote: “Let me be quick to state what I hope is obvious: It is hardly the primary mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to identify the Catholic Church as the antichrist/beast power of Daniel and Revelation—our billboard-posting friends past and present notwithstanding. Our primary mission is, instead, to proclaim the same good news about Jesus that the apostles did, although now in the additional context of the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14.” - *Adventist Review, July 19, 2012, “To beast or not to Beast” by Shane Anderson, senior pastor of the New Market Seventh-day Adventist Church in Virginia.*

This explanation about the Seventh-day Adventist mission is confusing misleading. On one side the Adventist Review states that the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is —Continued on page 3

## Good Health and Good Religion

**The Australasian Record**  
February 4, 1962  
By R. E. Finney, Jr.

God's love for man, and His consequent concern for man's spiritual, mental, and physical well-being, began with creation. We are familiar with the fact that the Creator provided an ideal diet in the Garden of Eden. The record reads, “And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.” Gen. 1:29.

“And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed...And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.” Gen. 2:8-15.

God's provision for man's development thus involved environment and occupation as well as diet. Each factor was intended, we doubt not, to bring about perfection in physical, mental, and spiritual development. Heaven's concern did not cease with the entrance of sin into the world, nor has it ever ceased. We read in 3 John 2, “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.” God is as desirous that His people be in health in the last days as He was in the first days.

In the early days of the Advent Movement, God gave His people special light regarding healthful living. This instruction did not contradict that given in the beginning, or since. The fact that the instruction given so many years ago, and in such specific detail in many instances, is still valid and accurate constitutes a major evidence that God was speaking through the one who bore these messages.

A point-by-point discussion of the

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## Controversy Spreads the Truth

“God means that testing truth shall be brought to the front and become a subject of examination and discussion, even if it is through the contempt placed upon it. The minds of the people must be agitated. Every controversy, every reproach, every slander, will be God's means of provoking inquiry and awakening minds that otherwise would slumber.” Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 453.

All of the ancient prophets predicted, in no mild terms, the end-time scenario that we are seeing today. And it is up to God's last-day Seventh-day Adventist people to declare and announce that the end of all things is here, that the Lord is about to appear, and that we must be ready to meet Him without spot and wrinkle.

Our latest Orlando billboards help to fulfill this mission. We must take every opportunity to declare the special truths for this time. Our message must agitate and cause slumbering souls to wake up! Time is short and we must arrest the attention of the people with a straight-forward message. With your faithful prayers and financial support, we can continue to proclaim God's special truths for this critical hour. Thank you and God bless you.



## About the Papacy

### A Dialog with Ellen White

**Question:** Mrs. White, what is your general opinion about the Papacy?

**Answer:** “The Papacy is just what prophecy declared that she would be, the apostasy of the latter times.” Great Controversy, p. 571.



**Pius the XVII being carried on his throne.**

**Question:** “I understand that the Papacy has now changed and is now a Christian organization. Is that true?”

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

**Question:** But certainly Rome has changed, has it not?

**Answer:** “There has been a change; but the change is not in the Papacy. Catholicism indeed resembles much of the Protestantism that now exists, because Protestantism has so greatly degenerated since the days of the Reformation.” Great Controversy, p. 571.

**Question:** Do you mean to say that Protestants of old held different sentiments regarding the Papacy that modern Protestants?

**Answer:** “The time was when Protestants placed a high value upon the liberty of conscience which had been so dearly purchased. They taught their children to abhor popery [the system] and held that to seek harmony with Rome would be disloyal to God. But how widely different are the sentiments now expressed.” Great Controversy p. 563.

**Question:** But I don't understand why

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# The Blessed Hope

—By Pastor Raphael Perez

Those who are concerned about what appears to be a long delay in the Second Advent of Christ should remember Peter's words of encouragement:

“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3: 9.

The prophet has also reminded the church that the delay in Christ's Second Advent is motivated by His great love for us:

“The long night of gloom is trying; but the morning is deferred in mercy, because if the Master should come, so many would be found unready. God's unwillingness to have His people perish has been the reason for the so long delay.” Maranatha, p. 56.

“In mercy to the world, Jesus delays His coming, that sinners may have an opportunity to hear the warning and find in Him a shelter before the wrath of God shall be poured out.” Great Controversy, p. 458.

We can only praise the Lord for His great love towards us. He sees our wretched condition and grants us additional days so that we can prepare ourselves and others for His coming. We will only benefit from this blessing when we wholeheartedly take advantage of the borrowed time. We must maximize the effectiveness of this extended probation by seeking God through prayer, repentance, conversion, consecration, and mission.

“Now, while our great High Priest is making the atonement for us, we should seek to become perfect in Christ.” Great Controversy, p. 623.

Failure to participate or failure to take advantage of this opportunity will result in our utter and eternal ruin. We must never take God's mercy for granted. Because we are living on borrowed time we cannot take this subject matter lightly. We never know how many more days of extended probation are given to us. We must always be ready. Notice that God's love in granting us additional time to get ready has a limit:

“Mercy may plead for years and be slighted and rejected; but there comes a time when mercy makes her last plea.” Desire of Ages, p. 587.

“Every day the probation of some is closing. Every hour some are passing beyond the reach of mercy.” Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 140.

We know that soon the God's Divine degree will close probation for the entire human family with the words: “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.” Rev. 22:11.

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We don't have any time to lose. Are we prepared for this fateful hour when the door of mercy is forever shut? Do we know what the Lord requires of us in this lifetime, and are they being revealed in our lives?

“We have no time to lose. We know not how soon our probation may close. At the longest, we have but a brief lifetime here, and we know not how soon the arrow of death may strike our hearts. We know not how soon we may be called to give up the world and all its interests.” Ministry of Healing, p. 454.

While we look for the fulfillment of the blessed hope, let us determine by God's grace that we will do everything we can to make our “calling and election sure” (2 Pet. 1:10). When we engage in this work of preparing our lives for Christ second coming, then we are helping to hasten the coming of the Lord:

“It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel. Quickly the last harvest would be ripened, and Christ would come to gather the precious grain.” Testimonies, Vol. 8, p. 22.

Let us never forget: “When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own. It is the privilege of every Christian not only to look for but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Christ Object Lessons, p. 69.

Let us decide today to advance in this work. Nothing should be allowed to interfere with our daily preparations. Let us get ready and let us urge others to do the same. Soon we won't be able to do the front-line work that we are currently engaged in. As the year ends, let me remind you that we still have a huge task ahead of us and a limited amount of time to do it. This is why I appeal to you to unite with us and support the work of the Eternal Gospel Ministry. Your prayers and financial contributions are going to bring souls into the kingdom of God. Many have already come, but we have not seen anything yet.

The greatest harvest of souls is just ahead of us. May the Lord bless each of you and let us remain faithful unto the end.

Jesus promised: “Surely I come quickly. Amen.” Rev. 22:20. Let the ready, waiting church respond, “Even so come Lord Jesus.” Rev. 22:20.

## Letters

Hello Brothers and Sisters, Praying God continues to bless all your efforts to reach out to the world with TRUTH. We are about at the half way point between the last camp meeting and the next one. We are happy that we are so much closer enabling us to attend more often. Praise God. We're looking forward to seeing you again as the Lord allows. Our love to each of you. **Bro. & Sis. Hornback from TX.**

Pastor Perez, We take the LA Times and saw your full page ad in the August Issue! Praise the Lord we applaud your efforts in the LA area. And even those who receive the Times here in the High Desert. May the Lord Bless you! **Herb & Kathy from California .**

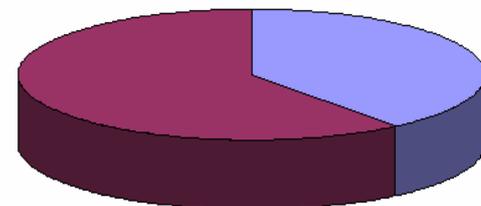
Eternal Gospel Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I love your newsletter and magazines you are putting out. I also am with you on all counts according to scripture and Ellen White quotes. I'm praying for you also. We need the straight testimony for these end times and the courage to tell it to the public and our church also.

The shaking has already begun! Keep up the godly good work and hearty well done. I used to live in West Palm Beach. God bless you. Your brother in Christ, **Stephen from Alabama.**

## Oklahoma Camp Ground

**\$35,200 Raised for Sleeping Facility**

**This project is so that we can accommodate more people during camp meeting due to our limited space.**



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instruction on health available through the Spirit of Prophecy writings would be far beyond the scope of this article. The instruction is available to the church and should be used and heeded. It is broad in its principles and in their application. No matter where or under what circumstances we live, principles will be found to meet our needs. The important thing for each of us is to know, believe, and practice the principles so abundantly given.

### A Blessing, Not a Stumbling Block

The health message was given to God's people not as a stumbling block, but for their blessing. This, of course, is true of all of God's instructions. We like to tell people that a blessing follows the keeping of the law of God, the paying of tithe, and going to church. It is equally true that a blessing comes from heeding the instruction that God has given for healthful living. This the messenger of the Lord has pointed out:

“The work of health reform is the Lord's means for lessening suffering in our world and for purifying His church. Teach the people that they can act as God's helping hand by co-operating with the Master Worker in restoring physical and spiritual health. This work bears the signature of heaven and will open doors for the entrance of other precious truths.” Testimonies, Vol. 9, pp. 112, 113.

Note well that one purpose of the health message is to lessen “suffering.” If we will keep firmly in our minds that God's wish is always for the true happiness of His children, it will help us to be willing to co-operate with Him.

As a people we believe that Ellen G. White was an inspired messenger of God, to whom He gave instructions for His church. If so, and we choose to despise or reject this counsel, we either do not believe what we claim to believe in respect to the inspired origin of these instructions, or we deliberately rebel against them when we choose to do as we please.

It would thus seem that the problem of our attitude toward this matter involves far more than eating or not eating, drinking or not drinking, doing or not doing anything else about which we have had plain instruction. Our attitude thus becomes a matter of great spiritual importance.

If we say we believe but do not do, then we are hypocrites. We cannot evade this solemn fact if we are to be honest with ourselves, our church, and our God.

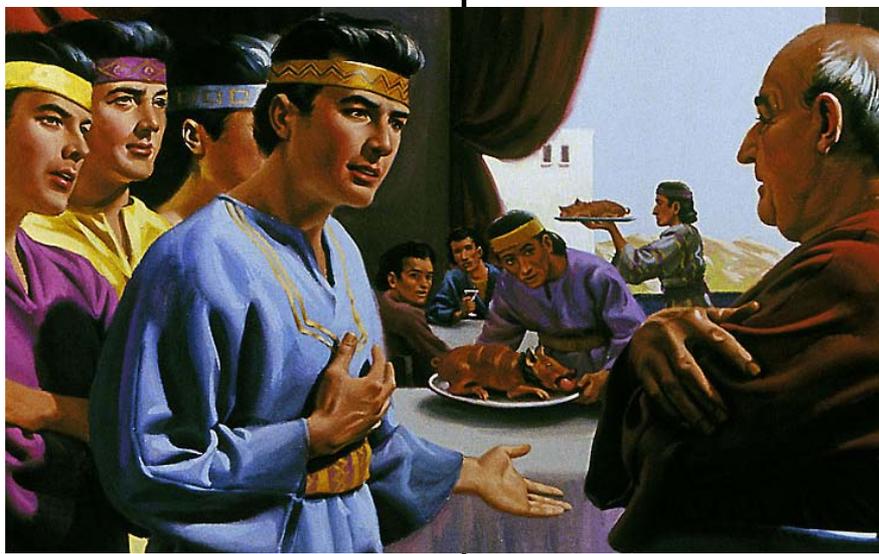
“The Laodicean message applies to the people of God who profess to believe present truth. They profess to love the truth, yet are deficient in Christian fervor and devotion. They dare not give up wholly and run the risk of the unbeliever, yet they are unwilling to die to self and follow out closely the principles of their faith.” Testimonies, Vol. 4, p. 87.

### The Message Is for Us Today

Is the health message of great importance in our time? Did the Lord intend us to make it prominent in our habits of life and in our preaching? There was a time, some think, when more emphasis was placed on the health message than now. In 1909 Ellen G. White came to Washington, D.C., to attend the General Conference session. This was her last trip East, and the last General Conference session she attended. She was eighty-one years old at the time, and must have realized that this might be the last opportunity she would have to address such a gathering.

Among the subjects that she presented at this session was health reform. It would seem that she must have considered this a matter of great importance. This idea is borne out in her own words:

“I am instructed to bear a message to all our people on the subject of health reform, for many have backslidden from their former loyalty to health reform principles. God's purpose for His children is that they shall grow up to the full stature of men and women in Christ. In order to do this, they must use aright every power of mind, soul, and body. They cannot afford to waste any mental or physical strength. The question of how to preserve the health is one of primary importance. When we study this question in the fear of God we shall learn that it is best, for both our physical and our spiritual advancement, to observe sim-



**Daniel refused defile himself with the kings food and drink and as a result He was highly favored of God (Daniel 1:9-17).**

licity in diet. Let us patiently study this question. We need knowledge and judgment in order to move wisely in this matter. Nature's laws are not to be resisted, but obeyed.” Testimonies, Vol. 9, page 153.

Notice that “our physical and our spiritual advancement” are here linked together. This is in line with the Bible teaching of the nature of man. Seventh-day Adventists do not teach, nor do they believe, that a man's spiritual nature can be entirely separate from his physical being.

On the contrary, they believe that neither the spiritual nor physical parts of our being can be injured without injuring the whole being.

Sister White continued: “There are some professed believers who accept certain portions of the *Testimonies* as the message of God, while they reject those portions that condemn their favorite indulgences. Such persons are working contrary to their own welfare and the welfare of the church. It is essential that we walk in the light while we have the light. Those who claim to believe in health reform, and yet work counter to its principles in the daily life practice, are hurting their own souls and are leaving wrong impressions upon the minds of believers and unbelievers.” Testimonies, Vol. 9 p. 154.

These were the words of one who had long been a servant of God, of one who had begun her ministry in feeble health yet through the practice of the principles of right living and through the special grace of God lived a long and exceedingly fruitful life. She knew how graciously God blesses those who sincerely and faithfully obey Him.

To the Laodicean church God says, “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.” Rev. 3:19-21.

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**not to identify the beast of Revelation and on the other side it says we must give the three angels' messages.** What in the world are they saying? This is illogical. Is not the third angel a warning against the beast and the image of the beast? How then can the Seventh-day Adventist Church give the final warning message when they don't want to speak about the dangers which are threatening the souls of men. This is a great mystery.

We are told by inspiration that we must not only preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, but also warn against the dangers which threaten souls:

“The true minister of the gospel will not stand before the people to speak smooth words; to cry, Peace and safety. He realizes the dangers that threaten the soul, and he presents the truth as it is in Jesus.” RH, Feb. 21, 1899.

The hearing of the matter with regards to the “beast” of Revelation is that God wants to call our attention to the ever-present and grave danger of “religious” organizations wanting to have unchecked power and influence over the politics of the nation. Have we forgotten this? That is the bottom line. This is what the Antichrist, the Harlot woman, and the little horn is all about. When the church unites with the state it commits fornication with the kings of the earth and loses its connection with God. The end result is persecution by the apostate church power to all those who remain faithful to God.

“It was apostasy that led the early church to seek the aid of the civil government, and this prepared the way for the development of the papacy—the beast...So apostasy in the church will prepare the way for the image to the beast.” Maranatha p. 165.

This is the issue. History teaches us, as do also the Scriptures, that one of the greatest atrocities even known is when “religious” people exterminated others while at the same time believing that they are doing God's service.

“They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.” John 16:2.

Our people need to wake up and realize what is happening today. God intends to unmask the mirage of falsehood that has fallen upon the inhabitants of the world, because the whole

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should we abhor the principles of popery? Aren't we supposed to love as the Bible teaches?

**Answer:** “A prayerful study of the Bible would show Protestants the real character of the Papacy and would cause them to abhor and to shun it.” Great Controversy, p. 572.

**Question:** Then what does the papacy really represent?

**Answer:** “The church was led to seek the favor and support of the great men of earth; and having thus rejected Christ, she was induced to yield allegiance to the representative of Satan—the bishop of Rome.” Great Controversy, p. 50.

**Question:** What grounds led Martin Luther to break with the Roman Church? What was his belief? Can you quote him?

**Answer:** “Already I feel greater liberty in my heart; for at last I know that the power is antichrist, and that his throne is that of Satan himself. Oh, how much pain it has caused me, though I had the Scriptures on my side, to justify it to myself that I should dare to make a stand alone against the people, and hold him forth as antichrist.” Great Controversy, pp. 142, 143.

**Question:** But wasn't that in the past? Rome is not planning to use persecution again, is she?

**Answer:** She is piling up his lofty and massive structures in the secret recesses of which her former persecutions will be repeated. Stealthily and unsuspectedly she is strengthening her forces to further her own ends when the time shall come for her to strike.” Great Controversy, p. 581.

**Question:** Is there a connection between the Papacy and the Mark of the Beast?

**Answer:** “What then is the change of the Sabbath, but the sign, or mark of the authority of the Roman Church—the mark of the beast.” Great Controversy, p. 448.

**Question:** What should God's faithful people do then?

**Answer:** “In the very time in which we live, the Lord has called His people and has given them a message to bear. He has called them to expose the wickedness of the man of sin who has made the Sunday law a distinctive power, who has thought to change times and laws, and to



**A cardinal kneels down and kisses the hand of Pope Benedict XVI.**

oppress the people of God who stand firmly to honor Him by keeping the only true Sabbath, the Sabbath of creation.” Maranatha, p. 140.

**Question:** I have heard some say that you forbid anyone from publishing unkind thrusts against the Catholics. What do you mean?

**Answer:** Let not those who write for our papers make unkind thrusts and allusions that will certainly do harm, and that will hedge up the way, and hinder us from doing the work that we should do in order to reach all classes, the Catholics included. Over and over the message has been given to me, that we are not to say one word, not to publish one sentence, especially by way of personalities, unless positively essential in vindicating the truth.” Gospel Workers, p. 326.

**Question:** How then should we deal with this delicate subject? Will the “man of sin be revealed” as described in 2 Thessalonians 2:3?

**Answer:** Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. The sins of Babylon will be laid open. The fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority, 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.” Great Controversy, p. 606.

**Question:** There are ministers who say that expose the antichrist, the mark of the beast, and the woman who rides the beast is not preaching love. What do you say?

**Answer:** “Those ministers who are men pleasers, who cry, Peace, peace, when God has not spoken peace, might well humble their hearts before God, asking pardon for their insincerity and their lack of moral courage. It is not from love for their neighbor that they smooth down the message entrusted to them, but because they are self-indulgent and ease loving. True love seeks first the honor of God and the salvation of souls. Those who have this love will not evade the truth to save themselves from the unpleasant results of plain speaking. When souls are in peril, God's ministers will not consider self, but will speak the work given them to speak, refusing to excuse or palliate evil.” Prophets and Kings, pp. 141, 142.

**Question:** What final advice can you give us about the papacy?

**Answer:** “The people need to be aroused to resist the advances of this most dangerous foe to civil and religious liberty.” Great Controversy, p. 566.

—Continued on page 3 world has been deceived.

“And all the world wondered after the beast.” Revelation 13:3.

Notice what God says about those who don't believe that the subject about the antichrist/beast power is a life and death issue.

“Those who become confused in their understanding of the Word, who fail to see the meaning of antichrist, will surely place themselves on the side of antichrist.” 7BC 949.

Is the Adventist Review preparing its readers to end up on the side of the Antichrist? Prayerfully think about this. Revelation was given to us to “reveal” hard truths for this time so that people can intelligently think clearly and make decisions about eternal life—particularly the mark of the beast or the seal of God.

God wants the world to stop following the Antichrist power of the last days believes that he is greater than our God [2 Thesa. 2:4]. This power speaks great words against the most high and has attempted to change times and laws, specifically the Seventh-day Sabbath commandment [Dan. 7:25].

And if we don't warn people, who will? And if we don't do it now when are we going to begin? This “Sunday” worship is considered an abomination to God [Eze.8:16]. Through “peace” this power is determined to destroy humanity [Dan. 8:25]. The world is captive and drunk on the wine of Babylon—its false doctrines [Rev. 17:2].

This is the “abomination of desolation” that Jesus Himself warned us about that will bring in the final desolation of the entire world [Matt. 24:15]. Are we to assume that Jesus didn't understand the mission of the Remnant Church? What blasphemy to suggest that Jesus was wrong to call peoples' attention to this beast power. How can the editors of the Adventist Review allow such anti-Adventist slanderous speech? How

can the administrators, pastors, and even laity allow this to go unchecked? Prophecy is not just identifying a religion. God is not just singling out an institution or some form of government. The word of God describes this power as “**MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MORTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**” Revelation 17:5.

We are dealing with the mother of all the harlots, the mother of all the abominations of the earth! That's what God says. We are dealing with the Antichrist, “Satan's right hand man.” (7BC p. 910). That's what Ellen White says. We are dealing with Satan's master plan of deception which he has used to bring the entire world to himself, to give himself worship and honor. She is the bride of Satan just like the Remnant Church is the Bride of Christ. And no, Adventists cannot go around defending this system or even make deals with the Antichrist and then come back and stand with God in this great controversy conflict. No, never!

“Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.” Revelation 18:4.

Unless the world is awakened and shaken up by these powerful depictions of prophecy nothing else can ever hope to wake them up. No ecumenical soft-peddling with a soft attitude with Satan's master plan of deception. “Come out of her My people,” is God's only and final solution, “that ye receive not of her plagues.” That is the last message of mercy from Jesus Christ himself. So, yes, let's present the message of Jesus, so that all men can be set free and not end up on the “side of Antichrist.” “Come out of her my people!” What a lovely message from a loving God who want us to be with him for all eternity.

—The Editors