Some key Events in Seventh-day Adventist History: A Chronological List
“Satan therefore laid his plans to war more successfully against the government of God by planting his banner in the Christian church. If the followers of Christ could be deceived and led to displease God, then their strength, fortitude, and firmness would fail, and they would fall an easy prey . .

“Now the church was in fearful peril. Prison, torture, fire, and sword were blessings in comparison with this. Some of the Christians stood firm, declaring that they could make no compromise. Others were in favor of yielding or modifying some features of their faith and uniting with those who had accepted a part of Christianity, urging that this might be the means of their full conversion. That was a time of deep anguish to the faithful followers of Christ. Under a cloak of pretended Christianity, Satan was insinuating himself into the church, to corrupt their faith and turn their minds from the Word of God . .

“Well would it be for the church and the world if the principles that actuated those steadfast souls were revived in the hearts of God’s professed people. There is an alarming indifference in regard to the doctrines which are the pillars of the Christian faith. The opinion is gaining ground, that, after all, these are not of vital importance. This degeneracy is strengthening the hands of the agents of Satan, so that false theories and fatal delusions which the faithful in ages past imperiled their lives to resist and expose, are now regarded with favor by thousands who claim to be followers of Christ.”

—Great Controversy, 42-46
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Source Abbreviations

Ellen White’s Books
AA The Acts of the Apostles
ChS Christian Stewardship
CW Counsels to Writers and Editors
GC Great Controversy
GW Gospel Workers
LS Life Sketches
1MR Manuscript Releases, Vol. 1 (Vols. 1-21)
MYP Messages to Young People
PP Patriarchs and Prophets
2SP Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 2 (Vols. 1-2)
2SG Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 2 (Vols. 1-4)
2SM Selected Messages, Vol. 2 (Vols. 1, 2, 3)
1T Testimonies, Vol. 1 (Vols. 1-9)
TM Testimonies to Ministers

Pilgrims Rest Tracts and Tractbooks
AS Adventist Stewardship Series
FF Firm Foundation Series
TB Tractbook
WD Winds of Doctrine Series
WM Waymark Series

Seventh-day Adventist Denominational Literature
ABC Adventist Book Center
1BC Bible Commentary, Vol. 1 (Vols. 1-7)
  Guide
  Florida Focus
  Southern Tidings

Seventh-day Adventist School Newspapers
Newbold College - Flier
Pacific Union Recorder
Southern Accent
Student Movement

Bibles quoted
KJV King James Version
NIV New International Version
NEB New English Bible
A casual glance through this volume strikingly reveals the fact that the increasing compromise and apostasy in our denomination is unfortunate. This book is truly cause for weeping. It has been produced in the hope that it may arouse our people to arise and stop this growing trend toward unscriptural, worldly ways.

What should be done about the problem?
There is no doubt that we should earnestly pray and seek to help fellow Advent believers awaken to the crisis that is accelerating so fast. While there is time, we must also work earnestly for the lost outside the Advent Movement.

Our most urgent responsibility at this time is that we study the Inspired Writings, the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, and that, by faith in Christ our Saviour, we obey what we read.

Some may say that we must leave the denomination, and others may say that we must remain in it. Yet church relationship is not the crucial issue! It is obedience to God’s Word!

Having said that, what should we do about church relationship? This is a matter for each one to prayerfully work through for himself.

In some instances, the local congregation may be conservative and the individual is able to worship, pray, and share with brethren. In others, faithful souls are being hounded out by worldly pastors, members, and boards.

No one can speak for another. Each must cry to God and, in His strength, trust, obey, and help—trust God, obey His Word, and do all he can to help those around him.

In the Author’s Preface, the author of this book will state her position. But the solution lies in what you and I will do about the matter. Whether in the organized church or out of it,—will we plead with God for help in this terrible crisis? Will we plead with others to forsake their worldliness and return to their Maker?

It is urgent that the professed people of God return to belief in, and obedience to, the full Inspired Word of God, including the precious counsels given us in these last days through the Spirit of Prophecy.

“If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”—2 Chronicles 7:14.

“Ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart.”—Jeremiah 29:13.

“So we fasted and besought our God and He was entreated of us.”—Ezra 8:23.

“He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him, I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.”—Psalm 91:15.

“And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.”—Isaiah 65:24.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”—1 John 1:9.

In preparing this book for publication, we have combined some items which, in separate entries, deal with the same topic.

The major editing involved placing the entries in chronological order under their respective years, and preparing an alphabetical index. (The author had placed the entries in alphabetical order, with the index in chronological order.)

Various patterns used by the author, such as her use of ellipses, were left unchanged, along with her method of referencing.

You can imagine how much work it must have required for her to amass all this data into a single whole!

Although the great majority came from our publications, other sources were also used (the writings of Ralph Larson, Colin and Russell Standish, Hope Publications, etc.).

Since this book is actually a historical reference, we added a listing of our Waymarks tracts, by year of publication, at the end of each yearly section. For additional reference, our other tracts are listed at the back. Many of the older tracts are now in tractbook format.

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Celebration Seventh-day Adventist services, New Theology, and the Neuro-linguistic Programming terms appeared in printed materials and by word of mouth here and there; and people known to the author were actually attending these services and proclaiming their merits in the author’s world of Seventh-day Adventism, in about the years of 1988-1991, with the increasing severity and seriousness on the part of the people involved, much to the consternation of the author and contemporaries.

Since living the life of the avid atheist until the year 1980 and accepting the Seventh-day Adventist faith and doctrines soon after in May 1981, the author was not mildly disgusted with this turn of events, felt it was her duty as a “watchman on the walls” to search out the facts for herself, and with pen and mouth to counteract this cancer in the heat and soul of the newly found, beloved, faith and lifestyle.

With deep concern to point out and correct wherever possible the errors seen by the author creeping into her “Adventist Family,” she searched the Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy as never before and consulted with friends. However, it seemed, as the apostasies deepened, the understanding of the members became more confused. Some hearts were hardened, some bruised, and others just gave up and went “out of the church”—either back into the world they came in from or to other denominations. And the pot of controversies boiled on and on. This turn of events around 1988 only inspired the author to search even deeper into the Scriptures and to pray more often, lengthening her time with the Lord. This book is the result of her walk with the Lord which she is now sharing with you. For some time now, the author has been impressed to compile the information you have before you concerning the apostasies and the splinter groups involving the Seventh-day Adventist denomination and the pillars of the truth of our beliefs.

— The Author
This book is arranged with these various apostasies, offshoot groups, and doctrinal errors listed chronologically. This composes the main contents of this book.

A number of errors and apostate groups have arisen at various times in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Sometimes the groups came out of the main body of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and sometimes they developed from an already existing group. In some cases there is more than one source; different people or groups came out with the same idea and again as an idea was generated several years later.

It is interesting to note that, as each aberration occurred, it took its toll of members in the Seventh-day Adventist Church away from the truths of historic Seventh-day Adventism, as these deluded souls thought that they had found something new and wondrous over and above the historic Seventh-day Adventist beliefs founded on the pillars of the Bible truths and the Spirit of Prophecy. As God tells us in Hosea 4:6, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge . . .” (KJV). In Acts 17:11, Paul said of the Bereans, “These were more noble than those of Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether these things were so” (KJV).

How much more should we of these last days search the scriptures daily, since we have already been told by the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy that the saints to be translated will live through such a time as has not been on the earth since there was a nation (Daniel 12). Should this not be our first priority? The prologue deals with some Spirit of Prophecy quotes and Bible verses, to make a correlation with these end-time events.

— The Author
Author’s Prologue

Who and what is the Church? Is the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the midst of all these apostasies really Babylon or not? Is it time to come off the church rolls and out of the church pews? How is one to know?

“The fallen denominational churches are Babylon... This wine of error is made up of the false doctrines, such as:

1. the natural immortality of the soul
2. the eternal torment of the wicked
3. the denial of the pre-existence of Christ prior to His birth in Bethlehem
4. exalting the first day of the week above God’s holy and sanctified day

“These and kindred errors are presented to the world by various churches.”—TM, p. 61.

“The wine of Babylon is the exalting of the false and spurious sabbath above the Sabbath which the Lord Jehovah hath blessed and sanctified for the use of man, also [it is] the immortality of the soul. THESE KINDRED HERESIES, AND THE REJECTION OF THE TRUTH, CONVERT THE CHURCH INTO BABYLON.

“Again I say, The Lord hath not spoken by any messenger who calls the church that keeps the commandments of God, Babylon. True there are tares with the wheat; but Christ said He would send His angels to first gather the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into the garner. I know that the Lord loves His church. It is not to be disorganized or broken up into independent atoms. There is not the least consistency in this; there is not the least evidence that such a thing will be. Those who shall heed this false message and try to leaven others will be deceived and prepared to receive advanced delusions, and they will come to nought. There is in some of the members of the church, pride, self-sufficiency, stubborn unbelief, and a refusing to yield their ideas although evidence may be piled upon evidence which makes the message to the Laodicean church applicable. But that will not blot out the church that it will not exist.”—Letter 16, 1893, 2SM pp. 68, 69.

“Let none entertain the thought, however, that we can dispense with organization. It has cost us much study and many prayers for wisdom that we know God has answered, to erect this structure. It has been built up by His direction, through much sacrifice and conflict. Let none of our brethren be so deceived as to attempt to tear it down, for you will thus bring in a condition of things that you do not dream of. In the name of the Lord I declare to you that it is to stand, strengthened, established, and settled.”—Letter 32, 1892, pp. 1, 10-12 (to the Brethren of the General Conference, December 19, 1892), 1MR p. 158 (italics by the author).

“Not one in twenty whose names are registered upon the church books are prepared to close their earthly history.”—1893, ChS p. 41.

“Not one in a hundred among us is doing anything beyond engaging in common, worldly enterprises.”—1893, 8T p. 148.

The kindred heresies and rejection of truth, quoted above in 2SM pp. 68 and 69, appear to be the Celebration Movement; New Theology Movement; NLP (Neuro-linguistic Programming); Branch Davidians—plus all the wrong doings and evils in our educational system, medical system, and administration. However, there is something very interesting here. And this is:

It appears that 5T, p. 707, has already taken place and continues to take place. “God will arouse His people; if other means fail, heresies will come in among them, which will sift them, separating the chaff from the wheat.”

The heresies have to come in among them, which will sift them. This is notable in the Celebration, New Theology, NLP and the Branch Davidian groups which worship in separate areas but out front is a sign telling the world that they are Seventh-day Adventists. These groups do not seem to intermingle among themselves or with the historic Seventh-day Adventist churches. They appear to be contented in their own group, and think they have connected with the only true church and are safe and settled. They have already been shaken out of the truth and they do not know it! Unless members of these groups come out of these heresies, they will be lost. And, by the grace of God, some may wake up before it’s too late. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is the true church, but these heresies are not a part of it. The Seventh-day Adventist denomination, with headquarters in the
The General Conference, has not officially declared Sunday sacredness; immortality of the soul; that Christ did not exist before his birth in Bethlehem; or everlasting burning hell. Sister White says this must happen to make the church Babylon and it never will. People are losing sight of these four mentioned requirements because of the horror of the heresies.

“We should remember that the church, enfeebled and defective though it be, is the only object on earth on which Christ bestows His supreme regard. He is constantly watching it with solicitude, and is strengthening it by His Holy Spirit.”—MS155, 1902, pp. 5, 6 (sermon preached Sabbath, November 22, 1902, “on the study of the book of Revelation”), 1MR p. 154.

“I am instructed to say to Seventh-day Adventists the world over, God has called us as a people to be a peculiar treasure unto Himself. He has appointed that His church on earth shall stand perfectly united in the Spirit and counsel of the Lord of hosts to the end of time.”—Letter 54, 1908, page 4 - to Elder W.T. Knox, January 21, 1908, 1MR p. 155 (italics by author).

“My brother, if you are teaching that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is Babylon, you are wrong.”—TM p. 59.

Further instruction is given to us in the Spirit of Prophecy:

1. the natural immortality of the soul
2. the eternal torment of the wicked
3. the denial of the pre-existence of Christ prior to His birth in Bethlehem
4. exalting the first day of the week above God’s holy and sanctified day (TM, 61)

Roman errors consist of:

5. purgatory
6. prayers for the dead
7. invocation of saints
8. eternal torment
9. delusions of Universalism
10. assumption that the law of God was abolished at the cross and that the first day of the week is now a holy day instead of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment (4SP p. 235)

If all Seventh-day Adventists fully believed the Bible and that Sister White was a messenger and prophetess of the Lord; and, if they also studied out these things for themselves, they would have found these same passages quoted here. For the Lord blesses those who are of a contrite and teachable heart, and they would not be confused. Some of the prerequisites necessary for the church to become Babylon, mentioned above, are repeated in the 4Sp p. 235 listing.

— The Author
1844

1844 onward—FANATICAL MOVEMENTS Various sources

Following the disappointment of 1844, Ellen White and her husband James had to contend with a species of spiritual magnetism. It was their first experience of this kind. Two men were presented before the Whites. They held that those who are sanctified cannot sin. And this naturally led to the belief that the affections and desires of the sanctified ones were always right, and never in danger of leading them into sin. In harmony with these sophistries, they were practicing the worst sins under the garb of sanctification, and through their deceptive, mesmeric influence were gaining a strange power over some of their associates who did not see the evil of these apparently beautiful but seductive theories. Terrible was their power over the people, for while holding their attention and winning their confidences through mesmeric influence, they led the innocent and unsuspecting to believe that this influence was the Spirit of God. Clearly the deceptions of these false teachers were laid open before me, and I saw the fearful account that stood against them in the book of records, and the terrible guilt that rested upon them for professing complete holiness while their daily acts were offensive in the sight of God. I was shown that those who triumphantly claim to be sinless, show by their very boasting that they are far from being without taint of sin.—LS pp. 79, 83, 84.

[Camp meeting in Muncie, Indiana:] The things you have described as taking place in Indiana, the Lord has shown me would take place just before the close of probation. Every uncouth thing will be demonstrated. There will be shouting, with drums, music and dancing. The senses of rational beings will become so confused that they cannot be trusted to make right decisions. And this is called the moving of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit never reveals itself in such methods, in such a bedlam of noise. This is an invention of Satan—“better never to have the worship of God blended with music than to use musical instruments to do the work which last January was represented to me would be brought into our camp meetings.”—2SM pp. 31, 36.

But Satan, transformed into an angel of light, works upon the mind to allure from the only safe and right path. The sciences of phrenology, psychology, and mesmerism have been the channel through which Satan has come more directly to this generation, and wrought with that power which was to characterize his work near the close of probation.—MYP p. 57.

The experience of the past (fanaticism after 1844 will be repeated . . . most seducing influences will be exerted; minds will be hypnotized.—8T p. 293.

Let not God be dishonored by the declaration from human lips, “I am sinless; I am holy.” Sanctified lips will never give utterance to such presumptuous words.—AA pp. 561, 562.

So, in the time of trouble, if the people of God had unconfessed sins to appear before them while tortured with fear and anguish, they would be overwhelmed; despair would cut off their faith, and they would not have confidence to plead with God for deliverance. But while they have a deep sense of their unworthiness, they have no concealed wrongs to reveal.—GC p. 620.

1851

1851 onward—TIME SETTING, PAST AND PRESENT WM–563, plus other sources

1851- In 1850, Joseph Bates predicted that the Second Advent would occur in 1851, because he speculated that the seven drops of blood on the mercy seat (Lev. 16:14) represented seven years.—1 EGW Biography, pp. 207–210, by A. White.

1854 - This time setting was keyed to the fact
that it was ten years since 1844.—See 1T 409 for comment.

1884 - This time setting was based on the fact that it was 40 years since 1844, and was likened to the 40 years delay in the wilderness, before entrance into the promised land.—See 2SM p. 73.

1894 - A 50 year anniversary was the basis of this time setting.—See 2SM p. 113 for comment.

1928 - Taylor G. Bunch led out in this time excitement. He predicted that since it was 40 years since 1888, Christ’s Second Advent was about to occur.

1938 - This time setting did not attract as much attention, and was based on a 50-year anniversary since 1888.

1955 - This prediction was made by the Davidians, and was not for October 22, but April 22 of that year. Adventist leaders were to be slain by the angels just prior to that date, and several other events would occur. Details are given in our book, The Davidians of Waco, pp. 15. When nothing happened, the Davidian movement collapsed for several years.

1967 - William Grotheer says that the probation of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination ended this year, because the Jews won the Six Day War against the Arabs. After that date, it is no longer necessary to evangelize.

1987 - This was a supposed jubilee cycle terminal date for the end of time.

1994 - This was another supposed jubilee cycle date for the end. Several different folk have focused their attention on 1994 as the key year when final events will begin. One of these is Larry Wilson. He believes four major lines of evidence converge on this time setting.—See 2SM p. 73.

1994 - Sautron: One of her most astounding claims: The sealing ended in March 1994! That means all individual probations are closed! Yet the National Sunday Law crisis has not begun yet! Sautron’s theology is totally mixed up.

1994 - Sautron: On March 23, 1994, the four winds of Revelation 7 were unleashed! Well, when did that happen? We never noticed it. Also predicted to occur soon after that date: “The Sunday Law will soon be here!”

1995 - Sautron: “On March 7, 1995, there will be worldwide disasters and economic collapse!” I assure you: Nothing eventful will occur on this date.

2005 - Sautron: “On March 7, 2005, probation closes for mankind!” That would be the universal close of probation. Yet Sautron places the end of the sealing eleven years earlier!

“Today the message is different. In 1844 Laodicea has received the Spirit of Prophecy, until the year 1888. In this time of the end, Dreams and Visions is the Spirit of Prophecy for the last days.” “The Lord calls His faithful ones to come out of her rows, pews, congregations; Sautron’s writings have to be translated from the French. She says: ‘In 1888 one should not have left the rows in spite of rejection of the messages of Jones and Waggoner. Now Laodicea has prostituted herself and I give ORDER to leave her rows. Now Laodicea is Babylon, prostituted and fallen. Separate yourselves! Put yourselves apart! Put yourselves apart! Put yourselves apart! The appeal of the Holy Spirit is very important and urgent. One should not wait, but cut clearly with sin and sinners.”—Publifax Croix-de-Rozon, 27 January, 1992.

In 1980, members of the Shepherd’s Rod were visiting the campus of Columbia Union College while Dr. Colin Standish was president. They said that “in 1980 the faithful will all go to Jerusalem and the unfaithful ministers will be burned to death.” Having heard this in 1957, Dr. Standish stepped forward and said he had heard that same prediction. One of the young men said, “It is true that these events were predicted for 1958, but Sister Houteff (widow of the founder of the Shepherd’s Rod) realized that the calculations were wrong, and now we have this new date.” This dispersed the students within fifteen minutes.—C.D and R.R. Standish, Perils of Time Setting.

1990 - “Chaos to Glory,” by Paul Sanders, teaches certain concepts of futuristic and speculative prophetic interpretation. The first witness group was killed by the Papacy before the deadly wound was inflicted and the second witness group, during the reign of the Papacy—by enforcing the image to the
beast—after the deadly wound is healed. Page 100 of *The Great Controversy* tells us “the two witnesses represent the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments” (p. 267). Sanders tells us, “This (forty and two months) is not the same period as the time, times, and dividing of time of Dan. 7:25” (p. 92); in *Great Controversy* (p. 54), Sister White identifies the forty and two months of Revelation 13:5 with the medieval reign of the Papacy. Sanders also identifies some of the 144,000 with the martyrs during the 1260-year medieval reign of the Papacy (p. 106) while Sister White clarifies that these have been “translated from the earth, from among the living,” in *Great Controversy* (p. 649). Sanders claims Christ will throw down the censer in 1999 and return forty-two months later (pp. 155, 156). He also predicts that Satan will be dead during the millennium (pp. 204, 205).

1991 - Charles Wheeling is another man who is prominent in the time setting theology of our day. In his video presentation of September 3, 1990, on more than forty occasions, he expresses the uncertainty of the positions he presented with such phrases as “private interpretation,” “makes sense to me,” “my own personal opinion,” “in my thinking,” “if such a scenario took place,” “to me it is reasonable,” etc. Brother Wheeling said: “Now Seventh-day Adventists, some Seventh-day Adventists would have you and me believe that Daniel 8:14 was fulfilled October 22 of 1844. But the very language denies that. Seventh-day Adventists have been preaching incorrectly with regard to the prophecies for a long, long, long time. We just have been flat, busted wrong.” Also, “Our fathers looked at these prophecies and they have applied them, and they have insisted, dogmatically, that these are fulfillments. And not just our fathers—our prophet. And that makes it even more painful. I mean I can admit my father was not always right, but when I start suggesting that my prophet wasn’t right, you’ve just pulled my heart out. OK?”—C.D. and R.R. Standish, *Perils of Time Setting*, pp. 68, 69, 70, 71.

There is to be no time setting after the 1844 date.—2SM p. 73. *(For much more information on the dangers of time setting, see It’s No Time for Time Excitement [PG–21], Dangers of Time Setting [PG–121-124], We are not to Set Time [WM–563]. Much of this is in the White Tractbook.)*

**1883**

1883 onward—**HISTORY OF DOCTRINAL POSITIONS** *A Hidden Shadow, By Peter Hitchens* [Also see Doctrine Tractbook for a different historical analysis.]

Church Manual, 1932—the first church manual. For 88 years the Seventh-day Adventist Church got along without a church manual.

1883 - General Conference rejected a church manual (1SM p. 416). “The Bible is our creed” (*Review*, December 15, 1885). The 27 fundamentals of the *Seventh-day Adventist Believe* have become a creed. (We do not believe a two apartment sanctuary in heaven since the 27 Fundamentals do not specify the number of apartments).

1992 - General Conference leader stated that you cannot be a Seventh-day Adventist unless you believe the 27 Fundamentals.—*A Hidden Shadow*, p. 3.

A document is sent to every SDA household in America, stating that the NAD and Union presidents have admitted that some of the most significant doctrines of the Scripture, such as the (a) human nature of Christ; (b) atonement; (c) and victory over sin were “deliberately” expressed in vague terms because our church lacked general agreement on them.—*A Hidden Shadow*, p. 4.

1872 - Statements in “A Declaration of the Fundamental Principals Taught and Practiced by the Seventh-day Adventists” do not have a Fundamental of Beliefs in them as the writings of E.G. White is fulfilling the Gift of Prophecy for the Remnant Church.—*A Hidden Shadow*, p. 16.

1872 - “Christ took upon himself the nature and seed of Abraham for the redemption of our fallen race.”

1872 - Only the sacrifice completed at the cross-atonement continues in the heavenly sanctuary.

1990 - Christ ministers in the heavenly sanctuary on our behalf. His atoning sacrifice was offered once and for all on the cross.—*A Hidden Shadow*, p. 19.

1872 - Describes the priestly work of our Lord in the heavenly sanctuary which was cleansed at the end of 2300 days (years) in 1844 for indefinite time, until the work of mercy for world is finished.

1990 - Upon his ascension, Christ began work as a High Priest; investigative judgment in Most Holy Place began in 1844 following the close of the 2300-day prophecy. (This notation is in the back of the manual and not listed as one of the 27 Fundamental Beliefs).—*A Hidden Shadow*, p. 20.

1934 - Tithes and offerings for the support of the gospel.

1990 - Tithe-paying is not a test of fellowship; however, people have been disfellowshipped for not paying tithe and have been refused church office.—*A Hidden Shadow*, p. 24.

1931 - “Trinity” was added to keep in line with Roman Catholic view (changes I have not followed up on).—*A Hidden Shadow*, p. 25.

1872 - The papacy is mentioned with the millen-
nium in #8 and #13 of the fundamentals. Dropped in later fundamentals.

1872 - All prophesies fulfilled are mentioned. Dropped in later fundamentals.—A Hidden Shadow, p. 25.

1874 - There were 15 baptismal vows.

1934 - There were 21 baptismal vows; it was a suggestive list.

1990 - The candidate shall affirm vows in doctrinal beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. If in 1934 one wished to use the 1874 vows they would have been well within their rights to do so, since the 1934 vows were suggestions. If in 1990 you wished to use the 1934 or 1874 vows instead of the Church Manual, you would be considered going against properly constituted authority and in rebellion with the sisterhood of churches. The author’s church tried to vote in the 1874 vows at a 1992 business meeting and was accused by the Conference of trying to break away from the sisterhood of churches.—A Hidden Shadow, p. 26.

1874 - The Church Manual adheres to the unconscious state of the dead (Eccl. 9:5, 6).

1932 - Since this time, the above has been dropped.—A Hidden Shadow, p. 29.

The Spirit of Prophecy says pastors should not be at church board meetings.—9MR p. 171; GW p. 271; TT p. 255—A Hidden Shadow, pp. 62, 64.

1934 - A regular pastor usually acts as chairman of church board meetings.

1990 - The minister serving the church regularly as pastor acts as chairman of church board meeting.—A Hidden Shadow, p. 62; See appendix.

1887—D.M. CANRIGHT Offshoots Tractbook
Dudley Mervin Canright (1840-1919)—D.M. Canright became a Seventh-day Adventist in 1860 and was ordained by James White and J.N. Loughborough, in 1865, at 24 years of age in Battle Creek. He had a way with words and could both speak eloquently and place powerful metaphoric pictures in his written articles. Yet he was a weak man because he was vain and conceited. Debated with a spiritualist in 1872. His wife died in 1879. He attended professor Hamill’s School of Oratory, Chicago, 1880. His desire was to become a popular speaker on non-doctrinal topics before non-Adventist audiences. He felt he could not become a great man and speaker because of our “unpopular message.” Married a second time, in 1881. Wrote “Danger of Giving Way to Discouragement and Doubts,” in 1881; “The Bible From Heaven”; “The Doctrine of the Immortality of the Soul,” in 1886; and pamphlets, and tracts.

Canright left the Seventh-day Adventist Church on 2-17-87, to join the Baptist Church. On 3-5-87 he was licensed to preach; on 3-17-87 he was a salaried Baptist pastor. He was terminated when his congregation came down from 200 to 25. In October 1896 he was dropped from the active ministry. He then lectured and wrote against the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination. In 1889 he wrote Seventh-day Adventism Renounced.

Replies to this book included “In defense of the Faith,” by William Branson, and “Answers to Objections,” by F.D. Nichols.

In 1919, Canright wrote Life of Mrs. E.G. White. Canright also wrote The Lord’s Day for Neither Catholics nor Pagans in 1914, which soon passed out of print. It was shortly after the turn of the century that Canright told Pastor J.C. Harris, of the Michigan Conference, that the Holy Spirit had left him for good. His second wife died in 1913. The Baptists provided him with a key to the basement of a church in Grand Rapids, but gave him no financial support. He joined an offshoot group of Seventh-day Adventists in Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1913, who were: Albion Ballenger, John F. Ballenger, M.E. Kellogg, A.T. Jones, and a man named Rupert who published a paper entitled “The Gathering Call.” This lasted just a short time. He attended services of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and at the same time wrote articles denouncing the church and E.G. White. In 1877, he wrote “A Plain Talk to the Murmurers—Some Facts for Those Who Are Not in Harmony with the Body,” a series of ten articles and “To Those in Doubting Castle,” in 1877 and 1855 respectively. Seventh-day Adventism Renounced in 1889. “New Theology” teachings of Desmond Ford, Robert Brinsmead, and others find their touchstone and original source in the writings of D.M. Canright. He is their Bible, just as he was to Ballenger and later A.T. Jones. “Four times I helped that man back into the light but the fifth time he went.”—G.I. Butler, Letter to J.H. Kellogg, 5-10-1904; TB Canright - WM 498-499.

1887 onward—THOSE CHARGING EGW WITH HAVING SECRET WRITERS Various sources

1890

1890—ALONZO T. JONES Doctrinal History Tractbook

A.T. Jones preached on Christ’s righteousness, a message from the Lord in 1888. By the mid 1890’s his attitude became haughty and overbearing with his subordinates. In 1903 he stopped to see Ellen White at her request. She pled with him not to unite with Kellogg. He did go to Battle Creek and unite with J.H. Kellogg, to become one of his co-workers. Ellen White predicted Kellogg would take control of him, and that is exactly what occurred. Jones was ruined. Later, he sided with Ballenger, and became one of his co-writers. When Ballenger died in August 1921, Jones wrote a stirring obituary to the greatness of the man who had defied Ellen White and those who supported her positions. Kellogg, first, and then, Ballenger turned him fully against the Spirit of Prophecy.—WM–498.

A.T. Jones, Albion F. Ballenger, John F. Ballenger, M.E. Kellogg, and a man named Rupert were in Lincoln, Nebraska, in an offshoot organization publishing a journal entitled, “The Gathering Call,” in the pathetic hope that somehow if they could get all the Adventists out of the Church, and follow them, that all the problems of life would be solved.

1902

1902—PANTHEISM Battle Creek Letters

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg (1852-1943) imagined that he had invented a great new religion, but it was only the renewal of Hindu pantheism which peaked in 1902-1903. Ellen and James White invested $3,000.000 in the training of Dr. Kellogg and two of his companions, $1,000.000 each, and he was warned of trials and temptations.—Letter, November 11, 1902 (K-174-02).

Sister White tells brethren to cut loose from Dr. Kellogg’s propositions to have him in control of all medical work, institutions, and a mammoth building.—Letter, August 4, 1903 (W-172-1903).


1905

1905—BALLenger’S TEACHINGS New Theology Tractbook, pp. 45-46

Albion Fox Ballenger (1861-1921) and E.W. Farnsworth, in 1905, described Ballenger’s teachings in these words: When Jesus “ascended, He went immediately into the Most Holy Place, and that His ministry has been carried on there ever since.” E.G. White points out the errors of Elder Ballenger in MS 62, 1905; MS 145, Letter 329, 1905 (ISM pp. 160-162); letter to W.W. Simpson, 1-30-1906; letter to John Burden, 12-11-1905. She tells us to stand by the old landmarks. In CW p. 30, the prophet lists them for us. (1) The cleansing of the sanctuary; (2) the Three Angels’ Messages; (3) the Law and the Sabbath in relation to God’s temple in heaven, and (4) “the non-immortality of the wicked.” Also GC (1) chs. 23, 24, and 28; (2) ch 25; (3) ch 26 and (4) ch 33. [Ballenger turned the sanctuary pattern on its head: In the type, the priest ministers in the first apartment for a lengthy period, before ministering in the second. But Ballenger skips the first apartment ministry entirely, and has Christ begin in the second.]
tions which, “if adopted, would have changed the teachings of the book. All such were rejected” (The Later Elmshaven Years, p. 307).

1913

**THE GATHERING CALL** The Alpha of Apostasy, now in Doctrinal History Tractbook

An offshoot organization in Lincoln, Nebraska, published a paper by this name. Albion F. Ballenger, M.E. Kellogg, John F. Ballenger, A.T. Jones, and a man named Rupert were the group printing the paper. In April 1913, Dudley M. Canright joined them for a short time. “The Gathering Call” was published in the pathetic hope that somehow if they could get all the Adventists out of the church, and follow this group, all the problems of life would be solved.

1915

**L.R. CONRADI** WM–498; Offshoots Tractbook

Louis Richard Conradi (1865-1939) - He was one of our leading workers in Germany who was very zealous in trying to build up the church in difficult places. He was often pursued by police, was expelled from Romania, Turkey, and Hungary because of his missionary activities. He had unusual strength of character, but was also proud. He tried to change the SOP books that were being translated into German. He was president of the European Division and made the decision, during World War I, that it was all right to go into the army and bear arms; and this was upheld, through his influence, by the other leaders. As a result, they disfellowshipped Adventists who refused to bear arms in Europe—which led to the founding of the Reform Church.

1914 - Outbreak of World War I
1915 - Tentative initial organization of the Reform Church in Europe.
1917 - The Reform Church denounces the Seventh-day Adventist Church as Babylon in a widely circulated paper.
1918 - The first split-off from the Reform Church takes place (known as the “third part”).
1920 - The Adventist Church leaders asked the conference of Reform Church leaders for forgiveness; the Reform Church leaders refused to accept it and return to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This marked the final separation from the Adventist Church.
1923 - The second and even larger split-off takes place, as Edmund Doerschler pulls out and starts the “Dutch Reformed Church.”
1925 - The official organization of the main branch of the Reform Church takes place in Gotha, Germany.
1934 - The Mass-Welt controversy begins in the main branch, that would later grow into a total split down the middle of the main branch.
1937 - By this date, the Reform Movement was composed of one main movement; and, in Europe alone, at least 25 smaller splinter groups had separated from it.
1948 - At the Holland General Conference Session and, in 1951, at the Brazilian Session—the big split begins and is finalized (because of arguments over election power okays and an earlier bigamy charge).

Following 1951 - Lawsuits are initiated and carried through all over the world field by both sides, in order to gain control of church properties. The main branch has been hopelessly split right down the middle into two warring factions. These are the car-
dinal beliefs according to the wife of a former Field Secretary of the General Conference of one of the groups for a number of years:

Anti-war; vegetarianism: a literal 144,000; they alone are the remnant; long hair—women are not to cut it; the Laodicean church will be spewed out; they are the Revelation 18 angel . . . " There are two main segments, and they have the very same doctrines. One is headed up by the “Nicolici group” and call themselves the “Reform Church . . .”; the other, the Kramer group call themselves the “Reformed Church.” Both have a “General Conference” and “General Conference Officers” and “Sessions,” and both call themselves “the Voice of God.” A former Kramer member did investigative research in 1972 and found Spirit of Prophecy quotes distorted in a “Reformation Study Course.” They teach that the organized Seventh-day Adventist Church does not believe in the Spirit of Prophecy or vegetarianism.

Because of 1T 361, they thought we could only be CO (Conscientious Objectors) in the time of war. His point here is that they thought that we could only be conscientious objectors (1-O classification) and not noncombatants (the 1-A-0 classification). The Nicolici group believe if you go in the military service or are drafted you should be disfellowshipped.

The German Adventist leadership believed it was all right to go into the army and bear arms because of Conradi’s influence and his disfellowshipping of those who refused duty during 1914-1917. In 1915 at the Fall Council at Loma Linda, Elder Christian, G.I. Butler, S.N. Haskell, and J.N. Loughborough opposed Conradi. However, upon Conradi’s return to Germany, he issued an official division paper to Germany, that the Fall Council of the General Conference had supported his position. After this Fall Council and Conradi’s statement, the Reform Church called the Seventh-day Adventist Church “Babylon.”

Those who followed Conradi’s position broke two commandments by killing and breaking the Sabbath, but Conradi thought that this was all right during wartime.

They do not have their own schools, but send children to public schools. Little or no medical missionary work is done. They believe that the 144,000 is a literal number and only made up of people after 1844; they believe there are absolutely no Biblical grounds for remarriage for anyone who has been divorced. They also believe they are the eighth church of Revelation.

Two early prominent leaders in the Reform Church were Edmund Doerschler and Henry Spankodel. Doerschler left the Reform Church in 1923 and formed his own splinter group in Holland that year, and called it the “Dutch Reformed Church.” Spankodel caused much strife and division within the Reformed Church and then left. He united with the German Nazi Party, later immigrated to America, and became a leader of the Nazi Party in the United States.

1929

1929—THE SHEPHERD’S ROD History and Teachings of the Shepherd’s Rod

Organized by Victor Houteff (born in Raikovo, Bulgaria 3-2-1885, died 2-5-1955). Originally a Greek Orthodox, Houteff had become involved in some kind of difficulty with his native church; so much so that they requested the Bulgarian Government to expel him from the country.

He was baptized into the Rockford, Illinois, Seventh-day Adventist Church. Complaints came in, that Houteff was teaching some rather unusual beliefs in his Sabbath School class; so a representative group of church workers, Bible teachers, and leaders met with him November 14, 1929; but nothing came of it.

The next spring, Houteff gave copies of a study he entitled “The Shepherd’s Rod” to the leaders of the 1930 General Conference Session in San Francisco, May 29 - June 12, 1930. F.C. Gilbert, whose doctrinal books we much value today, examined the study paper and wrote to Houteff, pointing out a number of errors and recommended that “Brother Houteff retract his statement that Elder Spicer was not a Sabbathkeeper and to apologize for the disturbance in the church on Sabbath, November 20, 1929. Since Brother Houteff did not make these apologies, the motion was amended as follows. The church wished to express its disapproval of Brother Houteff’s action in this matter.”

October 16 the Union president, conference president, and local pastor met with Houteff and told him that The Shepherd’s Rod is neither true to simple facts, nor true to the word of God. It is condemned by the very “Testimonies” it quotes from. They warned the brethren, at the time, of this false teaching. Houteff retracted his statement that Elder Spicer was not a Sabbathkeeper and to apologize for the disturbance in the church on Sabbath, November 20, 1929. Since Brother Houteff did not make these apologies, the motion was amended as follows. The church wished to express its disapproval of Brother Houteff’s action in this matter.”

This book was refuted by O.J. Graf in “The Shepherd’s Rod” (an answer). Also review of “The Shepherd’s Rod” by R.S. Fries, I.M. Burke, and C.J. Ritchie, ministers of experience. These documents showed Houteff’s errors. Also “The Shepherd’s Rod - Not A Safe Guide,” was a document by B.F. Knee-

land.

In May 1935, Mr. Houteff and eleven followers moved to Waco, Texas, and called their colony Mount
Carmel Center. In 1937 after Mr. Houteff was married, the group was reorganized under the name, “The General Association of the Shepherd’s Rod Seventh-day Adventists.” He urged all of his sympathizers, who could do so, to remain in the SDA Church saying: “Hence, if we separate ourselves from the organization, then in the fulfillment of Ezekiel 9, when those who have not the mark are taken away, we shall have no right to claim possession of the denomination.”

In 1942 during World War II, to give the men members a classification which would exempt them from bearing arms in the service, they reorganized and changed the name to Davidian Seventh-day Adventists.—*The History and Teachings of “The Shepherd’s Rod” - The Committee on Defense Literature of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, October 1955.*

On December 12, 1961, Mrs. Florence Houteff and her associate leaders made an open, public, and very frank statement in print declaring that the fundamental teachings of Houteff and the Rod were not sound. In March, they resigned from what had been, until April 1959, the main body of Davidians. They dissolved the corporate body and put the Mount Carmel Center property up for sale.

In 1970 Lois Rodin, widow of Benjamin Rodin, one of the Rod splinter’s leaders, became the next major prophet of the Shepherd’s Rod. They were called “Rodins” and leaders of “The Branch.” She declared the Holy Spirit to be a woman.

After her death, the next prophet was Eliakim who sent his messages to the faithful from Israel where he has a small acreage that is to be used as a “stop-over” for the Davidians when they “soon” journey suddenly to old Jerusalem to be enthroned in the Davidic Kingdom. The most recent prophet is Marc Breault who has “visions.”—*WD–41.*

Some teachings of the Rods: Those who accept Houteff’s message and live it as he directed would never die but would be translated. (He died February 5, 1955.) The Shepherd’s Rod is the Elijah message. Claimed the 144,000 was the message for the hour and that the 144,000 stand on Mount Zion on the earth, not in heaven.

That the 144,000 must be sealed long before the close of probation and before the giving of the loud cry of the third angel’s message. Claims that the 144,000 are the first fruits and the multitude are the second fruits. Claims that God did not show Enoch the truth concerning the Flood (*refuted in 3 SG pp. 54, 55 and PP p. 85*).

The exile of Pope Pius VI, in 1798, and his death is not the receiving of the wound any more than the death of any other pope. Claims that King Nebuchad-

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In the Branson Report in 1931, at the Autumn Council in Omaha, it was decided to enter upon an accrediting program for our educational institutions. Authorization was given at this time for junior and senior colleges to seek accreditation, although certain restrictions as safeguards were thrown around the action. The reason being that the medical work needed the approval of the AMA (American Medical Association). Also that it would be impossible for the College (of Medical Evangelists) to receive students from junior and senior 1931 colleges unless these colleges were accredited with regional accreditation associations. Also teacher training could not be carried on in a satisfactory way unless the training of teachers were in accredited schools. There were also those that thought that, in the training of nurses, it was necessary in some places that the pre-nursing work be given in accredited schools. The above seemed to be the general conviction of the leadership in general and not the educational men as a group.
1935

1935—ACCREDITATION REPORT SUBMITTED DH 26 and DH 25

Report on Accreditation was submitted to the Autumn Council on October 30, 1935, by William H. Branson, vice-president, NAD.

1935—FIRST COLLEGES FOR ACCREDITATION DH–26-28

In 1935, Pacific Union College and Emmanuel Missionary College were chosen for accreditation. “These were not chosen because we feel that they are superior to the other four colleges—Union College, Atlantic Union College, Washington Missionary College, and Walla Walla College.”

1954

1954-1955—EVANGELICAL CONFERENCES

Doctrinal History Tractbook

On November 28, 1949, Pastor E.E. Unruh, President of the East Pennsylvania Conference, heard a sermon on the radio on righteousness by faith based on the book of Romans by a Dr. Barnhouse, radio preacher and minister of the Tenth Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, founder and editor of Eternity Magazine. He wrote a letter to Dr. Barnhouse and commended him on the sermon. Dr. Barnhouse was astonished that an Adventist clergyman would commend him for preaching righteousness by faith, since in his opinion it was a well-known fact that the Seventh-day Adventists believed in righteousness by works. This precipitated meetings, beginning in 1954 between Dr. Barnhouse and Dr. Walter Martin, a consulting editor on the Eternity staff. Dr. Walter Martin was to search out thoroughly the human and historical resources of the Seventh-day Adventists. This developed into a fourteen member committee and resulted in the book, Questions on Doctrine, being published in 1957. It did contain serious aberrations of Adventist truth.

1957 onward—HUNGARIAN DISFELLOWSHIPPING Now in Hungarian/Ecumenical Tractbook

The Hungarian Union of Seventh-day Adventists joins the Council of Free Churches, a Hungarian inter-church Ecumenical federation. This is done voluntarily without any governmental coercion.—WM–84-86.

October, 1959. As late as this date, galleys of “The Truth About Seventh-day Adventism” were being received by the General Conference for their leaders to go over.—DH–103.

August 7, 1959. The first disclosure, in correspondence, by the National Council of 1957 Churches, was that the Seventh-day Adventist denomination is a “cooperating member” of the National Council of Churches, which is the U.S. branch of the World Council of Churches.—DH–121.

January 29, 1960. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has both voting membership in the NCC and is financially supporting it.—DH–122.

1960-1970. Seventh-day Adventist financial support of some kind is given to the NCC.—DH 121.

1965. Three hundred faithful Seventh-day Adventists are disfellowshipped by the Hungarian Union for protesting the Ecumenical involvement by our church in that country, through Council of Free Churches membership.—WM–85.

January 1966. Seven more ministers are discharged in the Hungarian Union for disagreeing with our Hungarian Ecumenical membership.—WM–86.

1966. Nineteen ministers and Bible workers are dropped by the Hungarian Union for disagreeing with our Hungarian Ecumenical membership.—WM–86.
1967. The Hungarian Union of Seventh-day Adventists directly unites with the World Council of Churches, through CFC membership in the Ecumenical Council of Hungarian Churches. Through the "Hungarian Connection," Adventists are now locked into membership in the WCC, and the faithful in Hungary really begin protesting in earnest.—DH–121.

1967. Representatives from the Euro-Africa Division and the General Conference, present at the Hungarian Union officer elections, take the view that the Hungarian Union leadership position is the correct one, and that those disfellowshipped in 1965 were schismatics (separatists) and therefore deserved what they received.—WM–86.

April 7, 1970. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has cooperative, but not full membership, in the NCC.—DH–122.

1975. More ministers and church members are disfellowshipped in Hungary—this time for trying to bring back the separated ones by means of joint doctrinal study sessions, to explain our historic Bible-Spirit of Prophecy beliefs to the Union leadership. Scoffing at the idea, the disfellowshipments followed.—WM–86.

December 19-21, 1975. Division representatives visit Budapest, Hungary, and agree to stand with the apostate Hungarian Union leadership.—WM–86.

1976. More churches are disbanded in Hungary and several hundred are disfellowshipped, for pleading that the Hungarian Union leadership withdraw from its connections with the World Council of Churches.—WM–86.

1977. Still more Adventist churches are closed by the Union in Hungary, in order that the faithful within them will not have a place to worship. More ministers and church members are disfellowshipped.—WM–86.

November 1977. Two leaders (General Conference and Euro-Africa Division Officers) privately meet with representatives of the protesting Hungarians. They are aghast at what has happened and assure them that something will be done to end our Hungarian Ecumenical relations and bring the faithful back into the Church.—WM–86.

1978. A petition of 1,200 faithful Hungarians is rejected by Euro-Africa Division and Hungarian Union officials.—WM–86.

February 1980. By this date, millions have already been given, by the WCC, to Latin American revolutionaries.—DH–130.

May 1980. Triumphant public admission by Rhodesian insurrectionists is made, that the murders they were able to effect for several years in Rhodesia could not have been done without WCC financial help.—DH–129.

July 12, 1980. The Hungarian Union sends out a circular letter, informing its members that the Adventist Church at the Dallas General Conference Session voted to have nothing more to do with the Hungarian problem, and henceforth to leave it entirely in the hands of the Hungarian Union (In August, the untruthfulness of that sheet was disclosed.)—WM–84.

September 25, 1980. The President of the Hungarian Union, Jozsef Szakacs, resigns in order to accept the Presidency of the Council of Free Churches.—WM–84.

June, 1982. The shut-out protesters petition the Union to permit them to worship with their brethren in the local Adventist Churches. The petition is rejected and slanderous sermons are instead preached against them in the churches.—WM–86.

July 1983. The representatives of those protesting the Hungarian Adventist Ecumenical membership now tell Elder Ludescher that they are turning from the Euro-Africa Division to the General Conference. On the same date, they write Elder N.C. Wilson and request the readmittance of 1,321 faithful believers, who had earlier been illegally disfellowshipped, and the cessation of the Hungarian apostasy.—WM–87.

August 11, 1983. William Johnsson, in a special Review article on the subject, declares that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is not a member of the WCC or the NCC and never has been, nor do we seek such membership.—DH–123.

January 19-29, 1984. The very crucial eleven-day meeting takes place in Budapest, Hungary, between representatives of the General Conference (President N.C. Wilson and, with him, G.R. Thompson), Euro-Africa Division (President E. Ludescher and, with him, J. Zurcher and P. Kunzel), and Hungarian Union (President Denes Zarka and, with him, other Union Office personnel), and the Hungarian representatives who are protesting the disfellowshiping of 1,339 faithful members (Oszkar Ergervari, Paul Kovacs, Gyula Molar, Susan Vanko, etc.). Prior to the eleven-day meetings, Wednesday the 18th is spent in closed session meetings with Union leadership. During the meetings Elder Wilson takes time out (probably on Tuesday, January 24) to visit with Imre Miklos, State Secretary of Religious Affairs, Government of Hungary, in his office in the national capital. The Wednesday, January 25, meeting convene at 10 a.m., and Elder Wilson relates his conversation with Mr. Miklos (see WM–91B, for details). Elder Wil-
The faithful protesters, requested that they have no more contacts with the Euro-Africa Division office. All realize that they are going to experience very real problems now that Wilson has decided against them in the January meetings. (Unless help comes fairly quickly, they will be forbidden to gather for worship by the Hungarian Government, since Adventist Church leaders say the faithful are no longer Adventists.) But Ludescher now requests that all connections that might bring appeal to his office be separated. Let the faithful suffer; we don’t want to be bothered with mail from them.—WM–91D.

July 12, 1984. Letters from the Hungarian Government to the faithful in Hungary who have been shut out of the Adventist Church for pleading for reform within it. They are told that unless the Adventist Church leaders reaccept them, or the General Conference issues them permission to worship together, they will not be able to gather for worship services. This is due to a legal technicality, that they hold the same doctrinal teachings that the Adventist Church holds; therefore it must grant the written permission before they can worship God in any meeting, anywhere in the nation.

The political picture in Hungary changed drastically within the year 1989. New laws, a new constitution, more freedom and rights—and this includes religion and churches. Imre Miklos, head of the Hungarian Office of Religion (also called the Department of Religious Affairs), was ousted and that governmental department is now being reorganized and possibly dissolved. The government decided the CFC was no longer needed, so now the Hungarian SDA Church no longer belonged to the CFC because it no longer existed. Then it was revealed that the SDA Union paid 500,000 forints yearly, about equal to $500,000.

At this time, the Hungarian Union sent personal invitations to the individual members of the separated group, offering to let them again come back and worship in the Union churches if they will agree to pay their tithes and offerings, faithfully, into the Union churches. They are told that unless the Adventist Church leaders reaccept them, or the General Conference issues them permission to worship together, they will not be able to gather for worship services. The separated group answered them, that they didn’t see how they could come back since no changes had been made; they were dominated, unjust, worldly, and had not given one word of apology to the group. The leaders needed conversion and some needed to be discharged. They were also told they all should come back, but not to expect that any of their ousted pastors would be rehired.

The group did not return. They selected a new name, “Association of Bible Schools,” which does not compromise their beliefs. They can now evangelize and even travel outside Hungary. They have home meetings, evangelistic meetings, and camp meetings. In January of 1984, there were only 1,200 of the
group. Now (1989) they are baptizing 60 a year; and, over the past ten years, they have baptized over 600. Each baptism followed months of careful instruction into the highest standards and fullest teachings of historic Adventism. By comparison, the Union Churches in 1985 list 131 churches and 4,582 members. In 1988, 114 churches and 3,498 members in a nation of 10 million. The Union-controlled churches are drying up.—WM–248 Summer 1989

1959

1959—FAILURE OF 1959 TIME PROPHECY
Review, April 1, 1993

Branch Davidian—An offshoot of the Shepherd’s Rod, formed in 1930. A prediction that Christ would initiate His kingdom on April 22, 1959, was identified by Florence Houteff, the widow of Victor T. Houteff, the founder of THE SHEPHERD’S ROD. The Branch Davidians evolved from this event. The teaching: The Davidic kingdom of absolute righteousness is to be established in Palestine prior to the close of probation. This was supposed to take place April 22, 1959. By divine intervention the Arabs, Jews, and others would be displaced to make room for this kingdom. This kingdom would be the 144,000, including Shepherd’s Rods and certain others.

Also see Time Prophecies in this book.

1960

1960’s—ERRORS OF ROBERT BRINSMEAD
WM–499, Offshoots Tractbook

Six teachings of “Old Brinsmeadism” in the 1960’s: (1) The conscious mind is the equivalent of the first apartment of the sanctuary. This is the outer mind. (2) The subconscious mind is our body equivalent of the second apartment of the sanctuary. This is the inner mind. (3) The European Common Market is a direct and striking fulfillment of prophecy in the latter part of Revelation. He originated this point about 1963. (4) Man cannot really put away his sins until that moment when the Investigative Judgment in heaven passes to his name in the records. (5) And at that moment, if he has been faithful in seeking repentance, God will miraculously take away those sins. But the removal of sins cannot occur earlier in his life. Prior to that moment he can try to obey, but the best he can do in this direction will ultimately be to “pray for repentance.” (6) Brinsmead believed in Original Sin, the Augustinian error.

He published the Verdict magazine with two Anglican ministers (Goldsworthy and Paxton) and another former Seventh-day Adventist (Zwemer); and, in the June 1981 issue, a strong attack was made on the Bible Sabbath - the seventh-day Sabbath. The “Editorial Introduction,” by R.D. Brinsmead, reveals in this issue of Verdict that he will be opposing Bible Sabbathkeeping; and he hints he is going to tell us that the new “gospel” frees men from both the seventh-day Sabbath of the Bible and from the Sundaykeeping that Catholicism bequeathed to Protestantism long centuries ago.

He published a magazine, Present Truth. He declares “Christ in you the hope of glory” (Col. 1:27) as Legalism, Pentecostalism, Romanism, etc. and equates an individual who is empty of Christ as one equated with Security, Justification, Perfection, etc. (WM–499).

1960’s onward—HERMAN HOEHN
White Tractbook

Hoehn lives in British Columbia and pioneered the development of the “secret writers” attack on the Spirit of Prophecy. He spent years searching for errors in Ellen White’s writings. Much of it consists of assumptions, slurs, innuendoes, and implications. He especially mentions imagined flaws in the Great Controversy in all three editions, but particularly in the last two. Those who read Hoehn’s writings may erelong leave the Spirit of Prophecy and be lost.

1970

1970’s GOD’S LAST CALL
Offshoots Tractbook and WM–615

This magazine is published by Mike Clute (editor) as well as other books. His teaching, that God will not kill the incorrigibly wicked, led him in the early 1990’s to accept universalism—the teaching that everyone, including Satan, will finally be saved (see Great Controversy, chapter 33, for reply).
1980's—NEW THEOLOGY  

New Theology Tractbook, plus other sources

1937 Summary of Differences Between Biblical Truths and the new theology:

Nature of Man
1. Man was born with original sin.
2. Man’s eternity is predestinated.
3. Once-saved-always-saved.
4. Saints continue to sin until Jesus comes.
5. Denies both perfectionism and perfection.
7. We are in Christ, but Christ is not in us.

Nature of Sin
1. Sin results from human limitations.
2. Sin removed at the second coming.
3. We are not separated from God if the tenor of our life is right.

Nature of Christ
1. Christ was born in sinless flesh.
2. Christ is our Substitute but not our Example.

Sanctuary Truth
1. Atonement completed on the cross.
2. Christ began His MHP ministry in AD 31.

Nature of Salvation
1. Justification is a forensic act of God only.
2. Sanctification is man’s imperfect works for God.
3. The Gospel is Justification alone.

A contemporary of Ballinger, Louis R. Conradi, became one of the most influential early proponents of the “new theology” in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Conradi, as a young German living in the United States, accepted the Adventist faith in the 1870’s. However, evidence indicates that he lost confidence in the Spirit of Prophecy over Ellen White’s support of the messages of Waggoner and Jones, at the 1888 Minneapolis Conference. Thereafter, he was a constant critic of the Spirit of Prophecy and, though he assumed wide leadership responsibilities in the church, never did he fully support the truths held by our church (page 22).

In the 1920’s Conradi had successfully influenced another Australian, Pastor William W. Fletcher. Fletcher was then chairman of the Southern Asia Division. Upon returning to Australia, Fletcher became the chairman of the Bible Department of the Australasian Missionary College (now Avondale College). Here he began to teach a “new theology,” very little different from that which was taught by Dr. Desmond Ford, four and five decades later . . . Alarm, the then president of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, Pastor Charles H. Watson, sent Pastor Fletcher to the General Conference, where for a couple of weeks he dialogued with a group of 16 or 17 leaders, including the General Conference president, W.A. Spicer. This proved to be of no benefit, and Pastor Fletcher was separated from denominational employment (page 23). The influence of W.W. Fletcher’s defection was to be witnessed again in the 1950’s.

At that time a prominent conference president, Pastor Robert Greive, who had been president of the South Queensland Conference and at that time was president of the North New Zealand Conference, influenced a number of contemporaries of ours. Some of these were among the outstanding students at Avondale College at the beginning of the 1950’s. Together they left the Seventh-day Adventist Church, espousing many of the principles of Augustinian theology (page 24).

At the end of the 1950’s, Dr. Desmond Ford enrolled in the seminary, located then in Washington, D.C., and completed his master’s degree there be-
before proceeding to his doctorate at Michigan State University. Dr. Ford returned to Australia at the beginning of the 1960’s, to head the Theology Department at Avondale College. This was the time when the impact of Robert Brinsmead was being sorely felt in Australia (page 25). In the early 1970’s, Dr. Ford traveled to Manchester University, England, and there studied under F.F. Bruce, a renowned professor, and also a member of the Plymouth Brethren faith. (The Plymouth Brethren Church was founded by John Darby in the 19th century. It was deeply rooted in Augustinian theology and the Jesuit futuristic interpretations of prophecy (page 27).

Chapter 2 excerpts, from Deceptions of the New Theology, by Colin D. and Russell R. Standish. “Ph.D.s were not introduced into the Australian University until the 1950’s. Prior to that time the only doctorates available were higher doctorates such as Doctor of Letters, Doctor of Science, Doctor of Laws, and like degrees. The doctorates were of such a standard that they were rarely awarded. For example by the 1970’s Sidney University had awarded, in its 120 years of existence, only two Doctor of Letters degrees by examination.”—(Footnote, page 14), Adventism Challenged Book A, by Russell R. and Colin D. Standish. 1976.

The Palmdale Conference was held April 23-30, with General Conference delegates. The statement of consensus was published in the Review and Herald, May 27, 1976, and the Australasian Record, May 27, 1976. The statement was not a formal presentation of doctrine, nor as an official pronouncement by church leaders. Rather it was a statement of the consensus of their understanding on these vital issues of doctrine and experience. Although it consisted of about two and a half pages of relatively fine print, it was the first sentence, however, that attracted the greatest attention which was: “We agree that when the words righteousness and faith are connected by ‘of,’ ‘by,’ etc., in Scripture, reference is to the experience of justification by faith only.” One of the members of the Australian party soon passed on to Robert Brinsmead the news that the initial sentence of the Palmdale statement read: “We agree that when the words righteousness and faith are connected by ‘of, by,’ etc., Scriptural reference is to justification by faith only.” In three cases cited in the book this is taken from, Dr. Ford said the “righteousness of faith” or “Righteousness by faith” always means justification in lectures and letters. “Thus it can be seen that Dr. Ford made a habit of changing the Palmdale Statement in order to suit his view.”—The Gathering Storm Book A, pp. 161-165.

Conveniently left out is the word, “experience.” Added is the word, “only.” We have Helmut Ott’s book, Perfection in Christ, which tells us we commit sin by not sinning. And Ott says we are saved by belief and nothing else.—CP–81, December 1, 1989.

Frank Knittle’s (president of Southern Missionary College) Blueprint Lecture given February 1981, at the Atlanta session of ASDADA, declared that Ellen White’s writings have nothing to do with the “blueprint” for Adventists—or any other kind of education.—WM–39, Jan. 1, 1982.

Ronald Springett, in the fall of 1981, gave a report in connection with the turmoil at Southern Missionary College in the Religion Department. “The ‘new theology’ has been the actual teaching and belief of the church for dozens of years, and that which some are calling ‘traditional Adventism’ is nothing more than the errors of Robert Brinsmead back in the 1960’s!”—WM–46, January 1, 1982.

Edward Heppenstall was one of the first among our people (early 1960’s) to publicly proclaim this error of “Sinning until the Second Coming.” (There are highly placed men in our work who maintain that it was Heppenstall, a 1981 theology professor at the Seminary at Andrews, who first taught this error to Desmond Ford.)—WM–46, January 1, 1982.

R.A. Grieve, president of Queensland Conference in the mid-1950’s, believed in instantaneous sanctification. He was transferred to one of the two New Zealand conferences, but there was no word of reproof regarding his new teachings. He had been doing such good work, crushing out the Brinsmead faction. Within less than five years, Grieve resigned from the ministry and became a Protestant minister. Little more was heard about him. Several years later he made this remark to an Adventist, “You people were right—if you believe the Spirit of Prophecy. But I don’t, and I didn’t then. I decided I could give the people a better message, and I did.”—WM–499.

1980—ORIGINAL SIN Doctrine Tractbook
The groundwork for an important aspect of the new theology was laid in the fourth century. A.D. The doctrine of original sin was first developed by St. Augustine, one of the most influential Roman Catholic theologians of all time. He was born November 13, 354, in Numidia (modern Algeria).—FF–27; WM–451.

The doctrine of Original Sin includes these points: 1). All men are guilty before God because of the sins of Adam, even if it were possible for them to live without performing a single sinful act in their entire life. 2). They are judged and condemned by God for this guilt which they inherit from Adam as fully as for their own sins. 3). This condition which is inherited from Adam is the fountain of all their temptations, lusts, and evil desires. 4). It is not possible for man to get rid of this condition while he lives upon this
earth, even through the power of Christ. 5). It is therefore utterly impossible for men to ever achieve complete victory over sin while living upon this earth, and it is dangerous for them to try. 6). Since it would be impossible for Christ to be a saviour if the inheritance of Original Sin passed to Him from Mary, a variety of theological schemes have been introduced to prevent this from happening. Roman Catholicism teaches that Jesus had an “immaculate conception” (born miraculously free from original sin, along with Mary His mother). The greater number of modern Protestant theologians teach essentially the same thing, but they say it this way: Jesus had the unfallen nature of Adam rather than our fallen nature.—Doctrine Tractbook.

St. Augustine followed Manichaeanism - the teaching that everything that exists is evil, only evil, and can never in this life be good. That would include all matter, all thoughts, all conduct, and all decisions. St. Augustine originated original sin - the teaching that you were locked into sin before you were born, as listed in six steps above. St. Augustine originated predestination. This error teaches that God decides arbitrarily who will be saved and who will be lost. Man has no choice in the matter, and his conduct throughout life has no relationship to his salvation. The error of original sin teaches that God is an unjust judge - who would condemn human beings for something for which they were not responsible and about which they could do nothing, developed from change in doctrine of the nature of Christ in Questions on Doctrine book, published in 1957.—WM–451.

1981

1981—THE DAVENPORT CRISIS Several sources

Dr. Donald J. Davenport was a California physician involved in large investment projects, principally associated with the building of post offices. Much of his funds came from Seventh-day Adventist sources. He offered attractive interest rates which were poorly secured. This occurred on the individual level, but also church leaders were involved. In one instance the money was used, but mostly trust fund money was used.

The General Conference Treasury issued warnings, but a number of leaders persisted in this investment. Reported interest rates were as high as 80%. Total money lost by the Church was something of the order of twenty million dollars. The year was 1981.

Davenport’s preliminary bankruptcy petition listed twenty-seven Adventist institutions and more than two hundred individuals, mostly Seventh-day Adventists. The Sunday Oregonian, August 2, 1981, placed the estimated loss to the Church as high as over forty million dollars.

Initially, Neal Wilson, President of the General Conference, stated in writing that the individuals punished would be listed, but this decision was later rescinded. This affair was only tangential to the theological conflict, called the New Theology crisis.—Adventist Challenged B, pp. 419-421, by Russell R. and Colin D. Standish [also see Financial Tractbook].

Kenneth Emerson, Treasurer of the General Conference said, “This man has borrowed 65 million dollars from Seventh-day Adventist entities and individuals. And never once has anyone—including ourselves—ever seen a balance sheet! No we will not loan him $85 million.” He filed bankruptcy proceedings the next week. The money had been used earlier to pay loans and for exotic furnishings.—AS–3X1-13.

“In the case of Davenport all members, who invested their money with the conference and the conference in turn invested it with Dr. Davenport, received their investment back IN FULL with interest! Those who made their own deals with Dr. Davenport had to be responsible for themselves.”

In bringing these observations to a close, some concluding observations are in order.

1. Church pastors have prepared to be spiritual leaders and not investment counselors (The exception to the rule is a fully certified Trust Department representative.).

2. The church does not commission or authorize its pastors to provide investment advice.
3. Each member is a steward over the assets with which God entrusts them and is responsible for their use and disposition in harmony with Biblical principles.

4. Beware of promises of unusually high return on investment. High return is unavoidably linked to high risk.

5. Beware of pressure, to make quick investment decisions. Calm, well-researched, decisions are usually more reliable.

6. Beware of individuals who promote investment opportunities within one denominational community. This is a thread common to many scams.

7. When the church accepts the management of investments for its members, full documentation of the church’s responsibilities will always be provided to the member.

8. If your intentions are to help the church, be sure you are dealing with an official church entity. Contributions to the church should be made to the church. The church is governed by policies intended to safeguard the church’s, and members’ interests. If in doubt, call the conference and ask.

9. The church takes seriously its responsibility to manage God’s money. Even when mistakes happen, steps are taken and policies developed to ensure that these mistakes will not be repeated. The church cannot dip into funds that are sacred to the Lord and dispose of these lightly. Spending God’s money is an awesome responsibility.—Un-dated letter from Robert S. Folkenberg, President of the Carolina Conference, quoted in WM–255.

1981—TRADEMARK NAME WM–373, plus judge’s opinion

On November 10, 1981, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (D.C. Corporation) filed for trademark of the name, Seventh-day Adventist, on commercial application. Although “Seventh-day Adventist” as a religious faith preceded “Seventh-day Adventist” as a denominational name, this fact was not disclosed to the Trademark Office.

“...He repeated the concept, quoted above from the Adventist Review in 1968, showing that, at the present time, it continues to form the basis of his thinking on church-state relations. He said that America was one of the few nations in the world where such a separation existed, that in many other nations the church used the state for its own ends, and that it was therefore right for the Adventist denomination to do so also.”—WM–373.

“This Court is persuaded that the term, ‘Seventh-day Adventist,’ has a dual meaning: it refers not only to the Church, but to adherents of the religion of Seventh-day Adventism.”—Judge’s opinion, dated October 3, 1991, filed October 7, 1991, in the U.S. District Court, Central District of California, in the trademark case of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists (plaintiff) vs. Seventh-day Adventist Kinship, International, Incorporated (defendant).

1981—TEMPE HOSPITAL AS–52; WM–540

Throughout the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, this is the first instance in which one denominational entity has sued another. This hospital was started by Dr. Ernest E. von Pohle on March 2, 1944, with a ten-bed capacity. In 1954, it was chartered as a nonprofit corporation under a board of directors. By 1960, the hospital was evaluated at $100,000, and, in the mid-1970’s, it was worth $2.5 million and had 30 physicians and 180 employees.

In 1961, Dr. von Pohle transferred control of the hospital to the Arizona Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. It was his intention that the Conference receive all profits from the institution. Management of the hospital was turned over to AHS/West, and a management fee was paid, beginning in 1973. The corporation papers said, if the Tempe Hospital was sold, the profits would go to the Arizona conference. Then AHS/West asked for certain changes in the corporation and the Conference agreed, not realizing that certain people in California affiliated with AHS/West now had total control.

AHS/West sold the hospital in 1981 to a Roman Catholic (St. Luke’s) Hospital for $16.6 million. AHS/West kept all the money. They continued to receive a large management fee even after they sold the hospital, and the president of the Arizona Conference went along with this. The Conference said only management was given to AHS/West, but they claim full transfer took place January 31, 1973. According to attorneys representing the Arizona Conference, there is no indication of that in the minutes. Arizona Conference says the proceeds of the sale were placed in a trust fund managed by AHS/West in the amount of $12,941,647 by June 30, 1988.

They believed those funds would only be spent on another hospital or similar outreach in Arizona. AHS/West transferred some of those funds to Pacific
Living Centers, then all the money was transferred out of the fund. Then they decided to reinvest the money in facilities in Arizona through Pacific Living Centers which would own and operate these Arizona facilities. Oddly enough, attorneys for both sides were, at the bitter end, still fighting over whether the hospital had ever been given AHS/West. Lawsuit was filed June 1990.

Decision of the Court settled in favor of the defendants AHS/West, January 10, 1994.

The plagiarism charge was studied by Vincent Ramik (former practicing Catholic, senior partner of Diller, Ramik and Wight, Ltd.—a lawyer who practices patent, trademark and copyright law in Washington, D.C.). Attorney Ramik summed up the legal case against Ellen White - “There is simply no case.”—Review, 1981. “Was Ellen G. White a Plagarist?” See Vance Ferrell’s book, Ellen White Did Not Plagiarize, for extensive coverage.

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**1982—WALTER REA** Several sources
On top of this, the Church has been hit by a second scandal, the charge that the theological writings of its most important figure, which ranks second only to the Bible, may have been plagiarized from other authors.—Time, August 2, 1981, speaking of Walter Rea, quoted in Adventism Challenged B, p. 425.

“Every concerted attack on the Spirit of Prophecy, whether it be—Walter Rae’s—or this ‘secret writer’ charge, is always focused on the ‘errors’ of the book, Great Controversy.”—WM–338.

Walter Rae, a former Adventist pastor claims that Ellen White’s ‘Conflict of the Ages Series,’ is about 60% her work and 40% the works of others.—WM–571.
1986

1986—LOR (Life Supports) Offshoots Tractbook

Originally “Life Supports,” this organization recently adopted the name, “The Church, the Lord Our Righteousness”; and the followers are Lorites. Started by Wayne Bent in Colton, California, they moved to Sandpoint, Idaho.—WD–53.

Agents of LOR are traveling all over North America. Soon they will be in Australia, New Zealand, and Europe. Leaders tell you that he has power to forgive sins, that he is equal to God, and that we are to do the same work on earth that Christ does in the heavenly sanctuary. We, on earth, are to have all power that Christ has in heaven—power to hear confessions, forgive sins, and give blessings and special gifts. The two founders of LOR have taken New Age course training, so that they can profit by its “mind-expanding powers.” Followers are asked to strip down to their underclothes in front of the congregation as a test of loyalty. To obey is to be instantly perfected, to disobey is to be lost forever. Those in the group are asked to give their testimonies. One stands and says, “I am the resurrection and the life.” Another stands and says, “I am the bread of life.” Still another says, “No man cometh to the Father but by me.” Then the leader of the group stands and says, “I AM THAT I AM!” Now we’ve got holy flesh, pantheism, and pressure tactics.—WD–52.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is Babylon. Sickness is always sin and they deny its presence in themselves; they treat loved ones who become sick as though they were lepers to be shunned, derided, and cursed. Anyone who becomes sick is back in their sins. Strong teaching on “unity.” People are captured on the first encounter. All wives must be in total submission to their husbands. Besides the New Age tactics, the methods of the Moontes are also used. LOR accepts people with unscriptural divorces when the mate is not “captured” and then marry these coverts in the Lor church. —WD–53.

On one occasion, Wayne is said to have called fire down from heaven; thunder and lightning ensued until he called for it to stop. Deep hypnotism is used. With Holy Flesh, we will never sin again.—WD–54.

LOR is New Age heathenism clothed in Adventist...
1987—RINGS AND JEWELRY WM–156, etc., now in Standards Tractbook

North America Adopts Adornment Action (NAD Year-end Meeting, December 1986)—The document, ‘Jewelry: A Clarification and Appeal,’ reaffirms and clarifies a 1972 Annual Council action that counseled against the use of necklaces, earrings, bracelets, and rings. That same action encouraged the selection of watches, brooches, cuff links, and tie clasps with simplicity, modesty and economy . . . A 1972 General Conference officers’ statement that counseled ministers not to perform ring wedding ceremonies . . . Although the General Conference statement spoke strongly against the use of jewelry, it drew a distinction between ornaments and the simple wedding band, providing for the baptism of converts who conscientiously felt they should wear a simple ring. The current NAD document also appeals to members for a commitment to simplicity in lifestyle and holds the wearing of jewelry as unacceptable . . . NAD president, Charles Bradford, insisted that there is no change in the church’s stand on jewelry. He argued that the difference in attitudes over the wedding band weakened the church’s case against jewelry.

The increasing number of overseas church employees [who conscientiously wear wedding bands] coming to the United States, to work in various church settings, has caused conflicts with North American members [who traditionally have not worn wedding bands], Bradford explained. “The 1972 statements [which tolerated the use of wedding bands] were never read carefully enough. They were never widely circulated.” “We gave attention to this issue because of the repeated appeals from church leaders for clarification,” he said. We’re saying there is a distinction. We can draw the line here and say, “Take off the earrings. Take off the class rings. Take off all ostentatious brooches and tie clasps.”

The wedding band has never been an issue outside of North America. People were wearing it all around the world—even back in 1892 when Ellen G. White wrote about it, Bradford explained. It was never an issue in England, France, Italy, and Australia. They [members outside North America] have always been persuaded that the wedding band was a symbol of their marriage commitment.—WM–156.

About the year 1986, a friend arrived from Europe and I asked him about this matter; he told me that he and his wife have lived there for years, and neither of them have ever worn a wedding ring. No one in Europe has ever complained or even made a remark about the absence of rings on their fingers. He has traveled extensively throughout Europe in

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[Previous text about wedding rings and the Adventist perspective continues here.]
these many years, and never once had a problem with any hotel or innkeeper about the fact that we do not wear wedding bands. I asked him if he had heard that our church says that wedding rings are a must for our people and workers in Europe. The customs of Europeans are such that they must have them on at all times. He said that this was not true. So I inquired why our European Adventists are so anxious to wear wedding rings, and he replied that they do it because they want to, not because they have to.—WM–156.

1987 onward—HAWAIIAN TRADEMARK LAWSUIT Many, many, tractbooks. The best current source is our new book, The Story of the Trademark Lawsuits

This suit was filed April 9, 1987, against an eleven-member group calling themselves, “Seventh-day Adventist Congregational Church.” A letter, dated July 15, 1987, to Brother Vance, stated that this group was forced out of the Kona Seventh-day Adventist Church through church politics. There was a progressive revival and reformation as a direct result of the testimony of the True Witness to the Laodiceans, the proclamation of the “Three Angels’ Messages,” and the emphasis on living and practicing the truth. There was a severalfold increase in church attendance, Bible and Spirit of Prophecy study groups, and other weekly meetings. Then the Conference stepped in, giving us no other choices except to preach and teach as they wish or be on our own. The most conscientious and consecrated left. They individually, and prayerfully, made their decisions.

By April 10, 1989, $300,000 had been spent by the General Conference on the Hawaiian Trademark Lawsuit. In a letter, dated April 10, 1989, Robert W. Nixon, Associate General Counsel informs us that all litigation is paid from tithe. By the spring of 1990, the cost of litigation had risen to $700,000.

On March 1, 1992, John Marik’s divorce was finalized, so that he could marry a divorcée who was baptized into the church in which he gave Bible studies in their homes. He told his wife that he was going to run and hide, so that the Hawaiian federal court could not catch and jail him. The General Conference jailed the pastor and cracked him psychologically, so that he decided to flee from God and reality and run off with another woman, hide, and spend his days neurotically in fear.

On November 14, 1991, John Marik signed an agreement that enjoins Marik and members of the congregational church from using the church’s trademark, “Seventh-day Adventist” and “SDA,” in any way. Attorney Nixon said that Marik approached the trial counsel for the General Conference and offered to settle the dispute.—WM–264, WM–381-382.

Hawaiian Trademark Lawsuit was tabled on August 2, 1990, pending the outcome of the Kinship Lawsuit.—WM–371.

1987—OTHER TRADEMARK LAWSUITS Many tractbooks; best current source is our new book, The Story of the Trademark Lawsuits

The “Word of Faith Congregational Seventh-day Adventist Church,” in Huntsville, Alabama, was sued on August 3, 1987, by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for trademark infringement. Elder Morris Patterson was the pastor of the New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church in Huntsville, Alabama; and he had raised enough money to have an evangelist by the name of Oscar Lane to speak at an evangelistic effort.

Pastor Lane had baptized 6,000 people into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the last six years. Elder Lane preached the straight message, upheld the Spirit of Prophecy, and told the young people to go out and preach the message. He was called into the head office and told that his efforts were appreciated, but he needed to go back to school and get a college degree before conducting any more public campaigns. Elder Lane said he just could not stop preaching and could not take the necessary time now, so near the end of the world, to go back to school. The word went out that no one was to invite Elder Lane to their church to preach.

Elder Patterson went to the Conference and was told not to let Elder Lane preach in his church. He prayed about it and decided to go ahead anyway. And 200 were baptized, but without conference approval; therefore those people that had been baptized as a result of the effort would have to be rebaptized in order to be accepted on the rolls of the Adventist Church, according to word from the Conference.

Elder Patterson left to start a self-supporting ministry on the other side of town and told his congregation not to follow him, but to stay at the New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church and work there. By September 1987, he had 175-200 baptisms. The name of his little church is “Word of Faith Congregational Seventh-day Adventist Church.” But that name is found only in two places: (1) It is filed with the State of Alabama as the corporation name of the small church, and (2) it appears on the Sabbath morning church bulletins. The name of the church, in front of the building, is “Word of Faith”; and a weekly ad in the newspaper is run as “Word of Faith Church.” No other advertising occurs. Even papers sent out to the church members carry only “Word of Faith.”

Early in 1987 Elder Patterson and his group were to be sued by the General Conference. He kept quiet
for sometime; then Elder Patterson went public with the matter, before their day in court, as the date neared.

The suit was later settled out of court.

1987—The Houston, Texas, trademark lawsuit.

There are eighty churches in the Southwest Regional Conference, and all but one is owned by the conference headquarters. This one was never transferred, but held by the members. A lawsuit is in progress at this time for ownership of the building.

It was later settled out of court, when the deed was turned over to the conference.

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**1988—ALC DIPPING INTO BOND RESERVE**

AS–59

In July 1988, Adventist Living Centers, Inc., was dipping into its bond payment reserve. The Adventist Church, for the past 14 years, had been considered as a top-rated bond-issuing source. What had begun as an almost debt-free fleet of Adventist hospitals—had turned into a maze of bond-issue borrowings, that within a few short years had thrown the AHS into $1 billion in long-term debt. ALC is a subsidiary of NEMA, and was the largest Adventist denominationally owned nursing home organization in North America, and likely the entire world. It owned 57 nursing homes and retirement centers. When the Chicago bank sent out the word to all the bondholders of the crisis in ALC, no mention was made for a lengthy period of time thereafter in the *Adventist Review*.

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1988—GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTABLE INDEPENDENT MINISTRIES Our Firm Foundation July 1989

Guidelines for Acceptable Independent Ministries are the product of a committee formed by the North Pacific Union Conference, as suggestions for the laity to use in evaluating what they termed “Independent Ministries.” There were no representatives of any of the special ministries on the committee, and these were originally given as guidelines only.

1. The leaders of the independent ministry are members in good and regular standing in the local Seventh-day Adventist Church.

2. The theological positions of the independent ministry are in harmony with the statement of fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. (See *Church Manual*, 1986 edition, pp. 23-31 and 177-179, in fundamental beliefs and process of doctrinal evaluation).

3. The leaders of the independent ministry by words, actions, and publications obviously support and cooperate with the pastors and elected leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at all levels of the church organization.

4. Independent ministry leaders who were ordained ministers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, but who do not use their ministerial current credentials from the church, claim their ordination as a way to secure support for their independent ministry.

5. The result of the work of an independent ministry should encourage the growth, unity, and harmony of local Seventh-day Adventist Churches. Among its fruits should be found the fruits of the
Spirit as found in the Bible.

6. The independent ministry encourages its supporters to be faithful in the returning of their tithes and giving of appropriate offerings to the organized Seventh-day Adventist Church, and does not knowingly accept tithe from Seventh-day Adventist members.

7. The mission of the independent ministry is essentially outwardly directed rather than inwardly directed. Its work positively supplements that of the church, carrying out the gospel commission.

8. The independent ministry will make available, upon request, a formal statement of mission—including plans and objectives, by which it is willing to have its words, actions, and publications judged.

9. The leaders of the independent ministry will be careful in their use of Seventh-day Adventist terminology and of quotations from the Spirit of Prophecy, so as not to mislead those less knowledgeable in those areas.

10. The independent ministry, if it accepts financial gifts, will be registered with the IRS as a non-profit organization and will provide annual audited financial statements upon request.

11. The independent ministry will have on its guiding board or committee at least some individuals who currently represent the organized Seventh-day Adventist Church. They may be employees of the church and/or lay persons who are elected or appointed to the church executive or governing boards or committees at the level of the local conference or above.

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**Key Chronological History Events**

- **WM–182-184 ADVENTIST YOUTH TURN TO DANCING Part 1-3**
  - Jan 88 One of our new Adventist college problems (TB: SCHOOLS)
  - Index: Dancing / Walla Walla College

- **WM–185 SUNDAY LAW IN FIJI**
  - Feb 88 First news announcement of it (TB: SUNDAY LAWS)
  - Index: Sunday laws

- **WM–186-189 WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO TURN THE CHURCH AROUND Part 1-4**
  - Feb 88 At a time when our leaders are beginning to be concerned, we present 20 ways to get our church back on track (TB: ORGANIZATIONAL)
  - Index: Church organization

- **WM–190 THE MOSCOW PUBLISHING HOUSE/PAT ROBERTSON'S PROPHECY**
  - Feb 88 Two amazing news items (TB: MEDICAL/PUBLISHING)
  - Index: Robertson, Pat / Soviet publishing house

- **WM–191-192 THE OTT BOOK CONTROVERSY Part 1-2**
  - Apr 88 Pros and cons speak out about Helmut Ott's problem book (TB: PUBLISHING)
  - Index: Ott book

- **WM–193 UNAUTHORIZED BOOK SALE AND DISTRIBUTION**
  - May 88 The 1987 Annual Council policy revision that prohibits our ABC's from selling many low-cost worthwhile books (TB: MEDICAL/PUBLISHING)
  - Index: Book control

- **WM–194-198 IMPRISONMENT IN HAWAII Part 1-5**
  - May 88 The whole terrible story of the attempt by our GC to persecute and imprison faithful Adventist believers. The story to May 88 (TB: TRADEMARK)
  - Index: Trademark

- **WM–199 FROM 1888 TO APOSTASY**
  - Aug 88 Book review:

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**1989**

1989—**AHS WAGE SCALE**

Review April 20, 1989

“Adventist Health Systems’ wage scale provokes lively debate . . . The General Conference Committee approved an increase in the maximum salary cap for the Adventist Health System’s (AHS) top administrator from $81,700 to $116,400 . . . In addition to the base salary, the new salary structure allows for a geographic differential of up to 10 percent, an additional 10 percent for the three largest hospitals (Florida Hospital, Kettering Medical Center, and Loma Linda University Medical Center), and the 10 percent incentives plan already in effect. Under the new action, the maximum possible salary and bonuses could total nearly $150,000.”—AR Newsbreak, April 20, 1989.
1989—BRINSMEAD TODAY WM–499
In 1989 R.D. Brinsmead was managing a hundred-acre fruit and nut farm intermingled with a large theme park, complete with a small railroad engine and cars, from the money his followers still contribute to the man. He said making people happy is God’s will for mankind.

1989—ORDINATION OF WOMEN Various sources
1989 - California vote favors women’s ordination by 284-198 at the Southeastern California Conference’s sixth triennial session, and called for a special constituency session in the fall of 1990 if the General Conference did not vote on ordaining women. (GC did not vote to ordain women in the 1990 General Conference Convention).—AR June 15, 1989.

1984 - In 1984 the General Conference voted that, in divisions where it was acceptable, women could be ordained as local elders. “VOTED 1). To reaffirm the Spring Meeting action on the General Conference Committee of 1975 Role of Women in the Church (GCC 75-153). 2). To advise each division that it is free to make provision as it may deem necessary for the election and ordination of women as local church elders.”—1984 Annual Council Minutes, p. 48; Alfred McClure, AR, Feb. 1995, p. 14.

1995 - Women’s ordination. The highly respected newspaper, The Washington Post, devoted three-quarters of a broadsheet page to a report on the ordination of the three women to the gospel ministry at Sligo SDA Church. (See two combined Anchor-Remnant Herald Special News Releases on this matter). The Washington Post (Nov. 4, 1995) published a most disturbing statement by one of the women who was “ordained.” This woman described the vote of the General Conference against women’s ordination as disgusting and discouraging.” The newspaper reported that this woman went on to state that, reluctantly, she considered trying another branch of Christianity: “I said, I’m not going to give up on God. If this church doesn’t want me, maybe another church will.” After her Sligo “ordination,” this woman condescendingly stated, ’I’m going to give this church a chance."

In another publication (South Pacific Division Record, Nov. 11, 1995), the president of the North American Division quite unconvincingly attempted to persuade God’s people that the Sligo “ordination” does not violate the spirit or the letter of the vote of the General Conference Session. The Remnant Herald editor, Pastor Russell R. Standish, “Women’s Ordination: Let ten-thousand flowers bloom! Demonstrate your support for the ordination of women to SDA Gospel ministry.”

Announcement: “Pastor Halcyon Westphal Wilson and Professor Madelynn Jones-Haldeman, December 2, 1995, 4:00 p.m., La Sierra University Church, at Sierra Vista, Riverside, CA 92515. Please mail— or fax—your support per instructions on reverse of this page. Send a message of support from around the world—to be heard around the world. Send women in ministry a signal of hope in the form of tuition assistantship. Send $1 for each flower you wish to contribute to this happy and festive occasion—with additional monies to go to LSU School of Religion, women training for ministry. Solidarity and Tuition Assists for SDA Women in Ministry.”—WM–663.

The vote regarding the ordination of women at the General Conference session in Utrecht, Holland, 1995, was 1, 481 (68.76%) against and 673 (31.24%) in favor.—WM–656.

The Southeastern California Conference has been issuing ministerial licenses to women for the past three years according to Lynn Mallery, in a letter dated January 13, 1993, to John D. Butler, chairman, Gender Justice Commission.—CP–130, January 13, 1993.

1989—CELEBRATION CHURCH Celebration Tractbook
Celebration Center started in Southern California in a rented Pentecostal building, by Daniel Simpson, pastor with full approval of Southeastern California Conference President L. Stephen Gifford.—WM–254.

The Simpson Church, held in Assemblies Church, 450 West Citrus, Colton, California. Format: No hymnbook—hymns projected on large screen up front. Arms are raised, bodies sway back and forth. Vigorous clapping. Band and drums and electric guitars. Sabbath School Class is social discussion—no Sabbath School quarters. No mission reports. Preacher calls for holy laughter and holy dance. Love sermon. No standards, no teaching, no message. Much jewelry and cosmetics. Like Pentecostalism, “just to show our feelings.” Just love them and baptize them as they are. Rent is $7,000 a month.—WM–254 (October 1, 1989).

Have “garden of prayer” and laying on of hands and skits. They use the New English Bible.—WM–270, December 1989.

New Celebration Churches began in Oregon: Milwaukee Seventh-day Adventist Church; Gresham Church, in Portland; and Springfield Seventh-day Adventist Church.—WM–262, December 1989.

Preach “salvation was finished at the cross,” “judgment is past,” “no more need for the law.” Sabbath School Class is in the backroom for those who demand it! Cell groups!—WM–271, December 1989.

A church in a southern state has two women el-
Key Chronological History Events

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Ders; one speaks in tongues regularly, and the pastor sees nothing wrong with this.—WM–273, December 1989.

Dave Snyder, Oregon. Milwaukee Seventh-day Adventist Church, preaches that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is (1) boring, (2) legalistic, (3) in dead formalism, (4) and “we don’t know the gospel.”—WM–272.

The Celebration Church near Portland, Oregon, threw SOP books into the trash can saying, “We don’t need this!”—WM–272, December 1989.

The Celebration churches have been appointed to bring back the Fordites, Brinsmeadites, liberals, kinship adherents, backsliders who went out in their teen years, and converts from “two-week meetings” who were baptized knowing almost nothing and quickly left. First we got rid of our six-month evangelistic meetings in the 1950’s. Large numbers came into the church who knew little of our beliefs and next to nothing about the Spirit of Prophecy. We keep lowering our standards—personal, family, health, medical, clothing, and educational. The General Conference decided on a “pro-choice” stance on the abortion issue for women in our church. Our special doctrinal messages to the world, in Daniel 7 and 9 and Revelation 12, 13, 14, were consistently muffled or kept entirely out of our magazines and books. —Celebration is the result. The new order is entertainment on the Sabbath morning and non-Adventist Bible instruction during the mid-week meetings. Small groups with “ice-breakers” and “conversation starters.”—WM–289.

Instead of worship, the mid-week prayer meetings are being exchanged for small-group behavioral modification classes.—WM–397, Spring 1992.

This church service appeals to the Baby Boomers.—WM–432-424, October 1992.

Dave Snyder no longer pastors the Milwaukee Celebration Church, in Oregon. He was trained as a pastor. He also attended many Protestant and Pentecostal services, revivals, and seminars. His congregation signed a letter to the Conference President for his removal. Daniel Simpson’s Colton Church was financially collapsing by spring of this year, so the Southeastern California Conference told him to take a leave for several months “because he was tired.”—CP–113, August 1, 1992.


Cell groups, with their emphasis on small groups, is carefully managed and conditioned until their thinking is in full harmony with the progressive changes taking place in the larger church. As is done in the Sabbath morning Celebration services, the mid-week cells are keyed to conscience dulling entertainment activities, plus watered-down Bible studies.

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am. And I can continue in those sins, in full assurance that I will be saved anyway—but what a dangerous teaching is this! 'In church service you said that it is harder to be lost than it is to be saved. And you went to an even worse extreme by adding that a person has to fight to be lost! That is rank error and will bring those who accept it to perdition!'—Excerpt from Leonard Venden's letter to Morris Venden, August 15, 1989.

“You refer to ‘the fight of faith,’ where is it in the Scriptures? You separate the ‘fight of faith’ (the fight to retain our faith in God) and the ‘fight of sin’ (the fight to resist temptation and overcome sin) as though they are two separate things,—the first is all-important and the second is dangerous to do!”—Excerpt from Leonard Venden's letter to Morris Venden, August 19, 1989.

“On page 22 of your book, Grapes, you state, ‘Please don't fall into the trap of thinking that we stay in relationship with someone by trying to do things that please them. That is not the way we stay in relationship with anybody—Morris, please, that is simply not true! Jesus said, 'If you love Me, keep My commandment.' ”—For I do always those things that please Him. ”—Excerpt from Leonard Venden's letter to Morris Venden, November 5, 1989.

1989—ALCOHOLICS ADVENTISM CP–75, June 15, 1989
Alcohol—65% of college students at Walla Walla College are drinking intoxicating beverages.

1989—WORKING IN NUNNERY MISSION
Adventist Review June 15, 1989, p. 7
Spiritual—Loma Linda University students to work with Mother Teresa in Calcutta, India, this summer departing on June 22.

1989—SPORTS ACROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIP
MEETS AT ANDREWS Review, June 15, 1989

1989—INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS CP–81, December 1, 1989
Intercollegiate Sports—It is our understanding that the October 1989 Annual Council voted not to approve intercollegiate sports by our colleges. Since all or nearly all of our North American colleges had already regularly been doing this without official approval, there is a possibility that some of them may continue on with it (with the students doing the organizing while the school administrators look the other way).

1990—KINSHIP TRADEMARK LAWSUIT
Kinship Trademark Tractbook; best current source is our book, The Story of the Trademark Lawsuits
Seventh-day Adventist Kinship, Inc., was sued by the General Conference on August 2, 1990. It was the largest group to be sued by the General Conference, the group is a loose-knit national fellowship of homosexuals and lesbians who were raised in Adventist homes, but who choose to follow the path of sodomy. The Hawaiian Lawsuit was tabled while this lawsuit was brought forward, in hopes of setting a precedent for eliminating small groups not wishing to come under the General Conference control.

The case was settled October 7, 1991, in favor of the defendant. This decision was based on Point #7—Genericness. Seventh-day Adventist is generic because it refers to religion. A generic trademark is not...
entitled to protection even if the trademark has become incontestable. “The function of a trademark is to identify the source of the product.” “Because it does not identify the origin of a product, it is not entitled to trademark protection.” The name, Seventh-day Adventist, was clearly in use by 1859; and the Seventh-day Adventist Church was not officially organized until 1863. The General Conference will not appeal. The General Conference has spent nearly $1 million on trademark lawsuits.

1990—FORTUNE-TELLING, NECROMANCY, AND MORE San Bernardino Sun, January 24, 1990

Fortune-telling: In Loma Linda City, fortune-tellers can now practice their profession for pay, as a licensed business in non-residential areas by ordinance of the city. Ordinance includes: tea-leaf reading, clairvoyance, seers, prophecy, astrology, palmistry, necromancy, mind reading and telepathy or other craft, science, cards, talisman, charm, potion, magnetism, Oriental mystery or magic “of any kind of nature.”—The Sun’s Redlands Bureau, by Howard Ellis, January 24, 1990.


Dr. Mazzaglia will serve under contract as general consultant to the president. However, in order to be effective in his duties, Dr. Mazzaglia will assume the title of Executive Assistant to the President. His primary responsibility will be in community relations. A Roman Catholic and well-known in this area, he will be a real asset in areas which we live and work. Working out of the division of Continuing Education, he will help us increase our continuing education and ADP enrollments and raise funds for our capital campaign.—Letter from Lawrence T. Garety, President to Faculty and Staff, AUC, Jan. 2, 1990.


Festival, April 12-13 (Friday and Sabbath), featuring the Destiny Singers, Jackson Family, Heritage Singers, Serious Hum - Hicks and Cohagan, Curt Cloninger’s “Straight to the Heart” (impersonates God on another video)—promoted by Oregon Conference as colorful Christian concerts, meaningful worship and new friends, over 500 youth in attendance, plus some of the nation’s top youth speakers.—Bulletin for Oregon Youth Conference Ministry, April 12-13, 1991, billed as Eighth Annual Concert.
of NEMA) induced the voting members to amend the KMC bylaws, to make the directors of another corporation the sole directors of KMC.

That other organization was a new corporate entity, called “Kettering Medical Center, Inc.,” which was set up by the leaders of EMA. The voting members agreed to the changeover because they were told it would make it easier for the hospital to deal with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, etc. That vote removed all non-Adventist people from any part in KMC decision-making or election of KMC trustees. In November 1983, the name was changed to “AHS/EMA/EC to reflect its status as a regional organization under the supervision and control of EMA.”

A further change in bylaws gave EMA the right to set limits and terms on borrowing, make major capital expenditures, direct the placement of funds and capital, also to approve or disapprove executive and/or administrative leadership. However, KMC had an auxiliary board of counselors who were leading citizens of Kettering but without voting rights. In 1989, they realized they had a problem.

The legal showdown launched Thursday was triggered late last year when NEMA tried to levy an $8 million assessment on Kettering Medical Center. The Adventists wanted to use the money to stave off banks who were trying to recover more than $200 million in Adventist loans that are in default.—Dayton Daily News, June 22, 1990.

NEMA officers returned a couple of months later and demanded the $8 million be handed over to them. Therefore, the lawsuit of June 1990, as the “voluntary trustees” realized they must file suit in order to save their hospital.—WM–448.

1990—WITCHES DEN OPERA Program, March 18, 1990; WM–275

Drama—Dido and Aeneas, presented at Southern College, features sorceries, first and second witches, and spirit.

1990—LATIN EASTER CELEBRATION Program, April 13-21, 1990

Fine Arts Week—Saturday Easter Celebration at 10:45 a.m. and Saturday Requiem at 3:30 p.m. In Easter Celebration - anthem, a litany. Much of the program is written in Latin, and presented at Atlantic Union College.

1990—LOMA LINDA DANCE AND FILM FESTIVAL Announcement

Laguna Pageant of the Masters—Comment accompanying sheet, “The Adventist Singles held regular dances called ‘Contra Dancing’ like square dancing. Saturday night cinema. “Batteries Not Included.” Pag-
developments; contempt order rescinded; Documentation about Marik’s “Catholicism” (TB: TRADEMARK) Index: Trademark


WM–280-281 CHECKPOINTS EXTRA May 90 (TB: MISCELLANEOUS) Index: Miscellaneous


WM–286 PHOTOS FROM THE CELEBRATION CHURCH 1990 (TB: CELEBRATION) Index: Celebration

WM–287 FOUR CRISIS TRACT May 90. This is a special tract for wide distribution, warning our people of four major crises in the church: Page 1: Celebration-type worship invading the local churches; page 2: trademark lawsuits against Adventist believers; page 3: AHS nearing financial collapse; page 4: wedding ring and standards crisis (TB: CELEBRATION; TRADEMARK; MEDICAL/PUBLISHING/1; STANDARDS/1)

WM–288 NEW MATERIALS TO HELP YOU WARN OTHERS ABOUT THE CELEBRATION CHURCH May 90 Description of tracts and videos available (TB: CELEBRATION) Index: Celebration

WM–288-290 CELEBRATION GROUP MEETINGS Part 1-2 July 90 Shocking exposure of the latest Celebration activity being brought to Adventism: mid-week comic “Bible studies” (TB: CELEBRATION) Index: Celebration


WM–293 SHOULD WE CIRCULATE GREAT CONTROVERSY? June 90 Importance of circulating this book, and not trying to stop those who do so (TB: WHITE/1) Index: Great Controversy

WM–294 AFRAID THEY WILL LEARN OUR MESSAGE Aug 90 Amazing July 1990 statements by church press spokesmen that Great Controversy messages are “trash” (TB: DOCTRINE/2) Index: Great Controversy


WM–300 DANGERS OF A CON CON Oct 90 How a constitutional convention could change the U.S. government (TB: MISCELLANEOUS/1) Index: Con Con

WM–301 COMING OF THE NEW AGE CHRIST Nov 90 The astounding Ministry magazine “evangelistic” painting (TB: CATHOLICISM/NEW AGE/2) Index: New Age


WM–304-306 IMPACT OF INDIANAPOLIS Part 1-3 Nov 90 Analysis of the 1990 General Conference Session (TB: ORGANIZATIONAL/2) Index: General Conference Session

WM–307 WHAT ARE YOUR CHILDREN READING ON SABBATH? Dec 90 A shocked pastor writes about one issue of Insight magazine (TB: PUBLISHING/1) Index: Insight magazine

WM–308 MARIK CASE: FROM 1987 TO 1990 Dec 90 Summary of events in Hawaiian trademark lawsuit up to late 1990 (TB: TRADEMARK) Index: Trademark

WM–309-313 MULTIPLYING THE CELEBRATION CHURCH Part 1-5 Dec 90 This summary set of tracts covers (and thereby obsoletes) a number of earlier tracts that are no longer in print (TB: CELEBRATION) Index: Celebration

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1991—ADVENTISM AT BAKERSFIELD Pacific union Recorder, April 15, 1991

At Bakersfield Adventist Academy—“All we have to do is raise up our hand.”” Whispering from the A-frames, basking over steaming spaghetti in the dining hall, gliding with the ice skates beneath the Half Dome, the glow on beaming faces at the afterglow’s fires, and finally weeping with warm embraces in front of the microphone at Saturday evening’s parting communion service, lessons learned became lessons lived as youth became “stretcher bearers.”

1991—BARTSOV SEPARATES FROM AHS/LL

“City council of Barstow, California, voted September 17, 1991, to end its relationship with the AHS/LOMA LINDA group because the health care organization failed to take initial steps to build a new hospital, as required by the 1987 contract.”—The Sun’s Barstow Bureau, The San Bernardino Sun, Monday, January 7, 1991.


1991—LARRY WILSON Questions on Revelation

1991 - In Larry Wilson’s book, Questions on Revelation, the chapter on “Prophets Can Make Mistakes,” he claims that Sister White at times presented her own opinions and therefore we are to confirm or deny the testimonies that she presents by history and apocalyptic prophecy, p. 42. Wilson goes on to say that he believes that Paul intended to convey the idea that Jesus was in the Most Holy Place in AD 64.—C.D. and R.R. Standish, Perils of Time Setting, p. 39.

1991—REGRESSIVE THERAPY WM–342, 343, 344

At the counseling sessions, you are asked to think back to earlier years, especially to childhood and recollect memories. But, while deep in a dream-like thought on that, memories are embedded into your mind, which never occurred in reality. Those memories are suddenly there and with such startling force
and clarity that you are surprised by the strength of such thoughts.

What happened here is that the counselor earlier submitted to psychological leanings, hypnotic control, instructions, and practice in standard Ericksonian hypnotic procedures which have become powerful and dangerous agents of dark forces. Where did that strange theory originate? It came from Sigmund Freud, an individual who, by his own statements, hated God, Christians, and religion.

When that embedded memory first flashes into the mind, a most horrible—and even terrifying—emotional experience begins for that person. He enters upon a nightmare far exceeding any presumed “depression” he may have earlier imagined for himself. Terrors during the day and quaking of the heart at night. He may become unable to continue gainful employment. He may be driven by the spirits (and with the encouragement of the counselor, who may receive a kickback for referring him) to go to a private psychiatric hospital. Documentation of a pastor’s wife who is a licensed counselor. Also of SDA mediation classes teaching ESP and NLP. There are Seventh-day Adventist psychiatrists who believe that religion should not be brought into their practice (see Spectrum, Vol. 17, Number 3).—Hypnotism Tractbook.

“The sciences of phrenology, psychology, and mesmerism (hypnosis) are the channels through which Satan comes more directly to this generation and works with that power which is to characterize his work near the close of probation.”—1T 290 (Circa 1862).

“Satan often finds a powerful agency for evil in the power which one human mind is capable of exerting on another human mind. This influence is so seductive that the person who is being molded by it is often unconscious of its power. God has hidden me speak warning against this evil.”—2SM pp. 352-353 (Circa 1907).

But evidence is mounting that children, particularly those who have been extensively coached, give inaccurate testimony far more often than previously imagined.”—Why Children Lie in Court, by Jerome Kramer.

**1991—AUSTRALIAN LAWSUIT** WM–415–418

Lawsuit against eight missionary literature distributors for printing and distributing an eight-page tabloid to Narrogin homes last week, quoted by the Narrogin Observer, Wednesday, December 11, 1991, page 9. Local churches published disclaimers in the newspapers, saying they had nothing to do with the publishing and distribution of “The Protestant” paper, and the views expressed were not the views of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. One Seventh-day Adventist put out an ad in the same paper and told people to buy The Great Controversy; it would tell them the same thing—explaining church history, identifying the beast of Revelation, its image and its mark, and climaxes with the glorious return of Jesus Christ. The ad tells them they can buy this book at most Seventh-day Adventist bookstores.

Another letter written to the Chronicle newspaper tells the minister, Mr. Manin Brown (in the article, “Church rejects responsibility for anti-Catholic newspaper” in which Mr. Brown criticizes the people responsible for this), to go and get Spirit of Prophecy, Volume 4, which was written by the prophet and founder of this church, Ellen White, in 1844. He asks, “Is Mr. Brown unaware of what books his church still sells? Doesn’t he believe his own prophet?”

The case was settled January 14, 1992. (1) The words, “The Seventh-day Adventist Church,” to be struck out of the name of the proceedings. (2) That Messrs. Ball, Tohurst and Andrews be added as Applicants to the proceedings. (3) That earlier orders as to confidentiality made by Mr. Justice Northrop, on 3 January 1992, be vacated (i.e. those orders no longer apply). (4) The Applicants pay the Ninth Respondents’ costs. (5) The Applicants’ claim against the Ninth Respondents be discontinued. (6) The Applicants’ claim and the hearing of the Respondents’ notice of motion be adjourned to a date to be fixed (i.e. it will only return to the Court in the event that the agreement reached between the parties referred to below is breached). (7) Costs to be reserved (i.e. each party to pay their own costs unless the matter returns to Court). A submission was put that your costs be paid by the Church, but the Judge declined to make an order of that sort.

**1991—NEURO-LINGUISTIC PROGRAMMING**

**Hypnotism Tractbook**

An advanced instructor-level course in how to teach these mind-changing, hypnotic, procedures will be given to our leaders in Takoma Park, Maryland, on May 5-10, 1991. This course is very expensive, and the expert giving it only schedules an average of three such instructor-level courses per year. But, by special arrangement, this advanced course will be given to many of our top leaders this year. Read, weep, pray—and act. This is the story of a stuporless-trance hypnosis that is coming into our church.

Level 1: Direct communication with evil spirits by certain men and women who then write down the instruction given them.

Level 2: Spiritualistic seances.

Level 3: Classical hypnotism.

Level 4: Covert hypnotic activity with overt results,
stealthy hypnotic techniques, without the patient realizing he is being hypnotized.

Level 5: Covert hypnosis, plus a variety of visitation and interview devices.

The classes consist of Lab I and Lab II. Article in Adventist Review, February 20, 1992, by William G. Johnsson, denying that hypnotism has been taught to Adventist pastors. The co-founder and co-developer of NLP is Richard Bandler: his partner is John Grinder. They incorporate Ericksonian hypnosis, a combination of Mesmer’s hypnotism plus Far Eastern meditation trances.

Milton Erickson developed the Ericksonian hypnosis which is accomplished through casual conversation instead of putting people to sleep and then changing their beliefs. Grinder was a young California linguistics professor when Bandler met him. He had strange ideas about words which intrigued people. The concepts were provocative, but hard to understand and self-contradictory. Bandler had obsessions and falsehoods; and, when united with Grinder’s confusing contradictions - neuro-linguistic programming was born. He used nicotine, alcohol, and cocaine. For one “introductory workshop” on Level 1, LEAD teaches its students the following:

“Principles of NLP - Rapport skills: body mirroring, voice and tonal matching, postural, gestural, facial positions, and other useful techniques to develop and keep rapport, including pacing and leading. Sensory Acuity: learning to notice and monitor the external “beamers” accompanying another person’s changing internal experiences. Representational systems: the way in which people internally represent the experience of their lives. Also, the student learns to translate experiences: expressed through one modality to another, to greatly increase understanding and rapport. Predicates: identifying and matching the most used sensory-based process words for purposes of ensuring rapport and understanding. Meta model: learning the language patterns upon which NLP is based—enabling you to detect and challenge the generalizations, distortions, and deletions which so often lead to miscommunication, assisting you to transform low-quality verbal ‘maps’ into high-quality descriptions. Behavioral flexibility: creating and maintaining flexible personal approaches to problems and challenges in order to more systematically and consistently produce additional choices and options. Anchoring: establishing triggers for responses (pairing one thing with another), to increase one’s choices for positive experiences and stronger resources. Accessing cues: noticing how people represent, experience, and access information they have learned, and systematically using these accessing cues to bridge better communications.”—LEAD brochure.

Advanced training from LEAD includes the following learnings: “Hemispheric lateralization . . . Outcomes . . . Utilization . . . Calibration: enhancing ‘people-reading’ skills. Fast phobia cure . . . Reframing: choosing the most beneficial perception of experiences from among the many possible interpretations, and refraining problematic behaviors and responses. This [reframing] makes possible a separation of the person from behavior, thus validating the person while choosing new approaches to their problem behaviors.”—LEAD brochure.


John Savage, the founder of LEAD Consultants, Inc., was quoted in our Sabbath School Quarterly during the Second Quarter of 1991, on pages 122-123 of the Teacher’s Edition.—WM–323, 324, 389; CP–104, November 1, 1991.

1991—FICTION COMPETITION Southern Accent, October 10, 1991

Short Fiction Competition—Southern College of SDA. Only original, unpublished, manuscripts consisting of 1,500 to 5,000 typed words will be accepted from each entrant. The $12.00 entry includes a one-year subscription to Story. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, December 31, 1991. For additional information about the 1992 Short Fiction Competition, please send self-addressed stamped envelope to Story, 1507 Dana Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45207. Grand prize of $500 cash and a personal word processor; second place, personal word processor will be awarded.—Southern Accent, October 10, 1991.


We recommend that jewelry not be worn by members of our school family to school or school activities. No action will be enforced if students choose to wear jewelry.—Letter from Lyle Botimer, Principal, La Sierra Academy, March 1991.

1991—EXPERIMENTAL MUSIC Southern Accent, Southern College of SDA
New Age Music Performed on Campus? “When I asked Dr. Robertson if the music was in fact New Age, he said that Farmer called it ‘Experimental Music,’ which unknown to the music department is a common term among New Age musicians. Two of the songs performed by Farmer were ‘Clarinet Chromation’ and ‘Mandala Circles.’ Chromation and Mandala are words firmly founded in New Age and occultism.”—Letter to the Editors, Southern Accent, Student Newspaper of Southern College of SDA, Collegedale, Tennessee.

1991—PERTH DECLARATION AR December 5, 1991

The Perth Declaration was drafted and voted by the General Conference’s Annual Council in Perth, Australia, in early October, and has become one of the most significant appeals by church leaders in recent years. Elder Folkenberg told committee members that, in the face of steadily strengthening attacks on the church, “we don’t have the options of silence anymore. We’ve lost that one. And both extremes, left and right, need our attention.” “We must take the high ground,” continued Folkenberg. “Letting people know where we stand; and being wise, compassionate, and clear to those who undermine our fundamentals . . . so that the role and function of the church are not held hostage to those individuals who feel the freedom to be destructive to it.” Many NAD Executive Committee members overwhelmingly reaffirmed the Perth Declaration; many felt that it didn’t go far enough in identifying individuals and organizations. Don Shelton, president of the Dakota Conference, proposed naming specific ministries and individuals and outlining the behaviors of those being destructive to the church.

1991—FREE MEAT AND DRINKS AT SOUTHERN Southern Tidings, student newspaper of Southern College.

Food at Fourth of July celebration—Food and crafts display, parade, entertainment, and fireworks. Officials at Southern College maintained that it was a community event and in no way sponsored by Southern College or its faculty. Yet the faculty served the meat and drinks; and, throughout the celebration, many of the teachers and church workers at Southern College wore specially printed T-shirts which, on the back, said this: “Sponsored by McKee Baking Company, Southern College City of Collegedale.” At least 20 of the teachers at the college wore these T-shirts throughout the celebration. Food served during the celebration were beef hot dogs and beef hamburgers, regular Coca Cola, and Dr. Pepper.

1991—LLMC BOND ISSUE

“Double tax-free bonds, Loma Linda, California, hospital. Revenue, Loma Linda Medical Center through Paine Webber.”—Santa Rosa, CA, Press Democrat, Wednesday, April 3, 1991

1991—KMZ LAWSUIT WM–446

KMZ Lawsuit against ALC (Nov. 25, 1991) for non-payment of fees “in amount of $321,175.03 plus prejudgment interest on the outstanding balance of each invoice or demand for payment from the date of each invoice or demand for payment to be mailed to ALC, and for such other incidental and consequential damages allowable by law.”

1991—ALC-CHURCH RELATIONSHIP WM–446

Exhibit D described the relationship between ALC and the church as follows: 24. (b) 9. “That Adventist Living Centers, Inc., and River Pines, as institutions and instrumentalities of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, are and must be operated in accordance with the religious teachings, principals, beliefs, and doctrines, as well as the policies of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.” (c) “Should there be a liability suit involving River Pines or any other institutions in the Adventist Living chain, there would most certainly be a direct connection that would be very easy to establish between it . . . to the North American division (of the General Conference). As you know, there are numerous cases in court where legal liability has been linked on much less evidence than this.—KMZ Lawsuit, in WM–446.

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WM–314 A VISIT TO A CELEBRATION CHURCH Jan 91 A lengthy well-written letter describing a visit to Simpson’s Colton Church (TB: CELEBRATION) Index: Celebration


WM–315x, 1-6 THE CHARLES WHEELING 46-PAGE TAPE TRANSCRIPT Part 1-6 Mar 91 Transcript of the complete lecture (TB: WHEELING) Index: Wheeling

WM–320 AVOIDING SATAN’S SNARES Mar 91 Principles needed to maintain your faith in the days ahead (TB: WHEELING) Index: Inspirational

WM–321-322 WORLD REPORT: MARCH 1991 Part 1-2 Mar 91 Recent news items indicating we are nearing the close of time (TB: CATHOLICISM/NEW AGE/1) Index: Catholicism

WM–323-332 HYPNOTISM ENTERS THE ADVENTIST CHURCH Part 1-10 Apr 91 Meditation sermons, LABS I-II, Ericksonian hypnosis, Behavioral transfer, hypnosis books, Yoga exercises, Neuro-linguistic programing, hypnotic cassettes, power-from-within tobacco classes, Celebration pantomime fixation (TB: HYPNOTISM) Index: Hypnotism

WM–333 SOUTH PACIFIC RULING ON Sabbath School
1992

1992—SHOE-WIPING SERVICE Union College.

1992—BREAD-TEARING COMMUNION Mid-American Outlook, March 1992

“The unleavened bread took the form of small, flat loaves of which each participant tore a piece.”—“Outlook on Union College,” Mid-America Outlook March 1992

1992—PORTER HOSPITAL DEBT WM–526

In 1930, Porter Sanitarium and Hospital opened in Denver, Colorado, with 75 beds. In 1940, this increased to 130 beds; and, in 1963, to 350 beds. Name changed to Porter Memorial Hospital in 1963 (removing the name of Sanitarium). Ownership passed into hands of AHS and developed financial difficulties and poor service. In 1992, a five-story building was built for $11,000,000. There was a $86,500,000 operating loss, and they will have $180,000,000 in long-term debts this year.

1992—PORTER LOSS AND LAYOFF WM–526

Rocky Mountain News, October 1992—Porter laying off 50 workers. $3.2 million loss prompts reorganization at hospital.

1992—GALA EVENT AT FLORIDA HOSPITAL Review, April 13, 1989, p. 20

Florida Hospital—Movies - Hospital Video Theater Program, April 1, 1992. Florida Hospital Foundation held its ninth annual Golden Gala charity event November 18 and 19 for 2,000 people. The second gala weekend is an equestrian event and Celebrity Pro-Am Tennis Challenge, November 20, 1992 (Sabbath).

1992—BATTLE CREEK ADVENTIST HOSPITAL WM–479

Battle Creek Adventist Hospital will be closed or sold to the Catholics within 60 days [Fall of 1992].


Another report came by phone from a friend in Idaho. Early in 1992, the pastor in one of the churches here had the members sitting on the floor during communion. He told them this was the way Christ and his disciples did it. This same pastor also tried to get the church elders to wash everyone’s feet—but the members objected and refused to permit it.
1992—AHS CORPORATIONS WM–479
The Adventist Health Systems consisted of the following, as of fall 1992: U.S. Adventist Healthcare Corp.; AHS/Loma Linda, Inc.; AHS/Sunbelt Healthcare Corp. (established 1973); AHS/United States, Inc. (established 1982); AHS/West (established 1980); AHS/East Central Inc.; Atlanta Adventist Healthcare; Mid-Atlantic Corp.; Atlantic Adventist Health Care Corp.; Hinsdale Health System; Midwest Adventist Health Services Corp.; Rocky Mountain Adventist Health Care.

1992—THE BOOK, ISSUES Various sources
Issues: The Seventh-day Adventist Church and Certain Private Organizations. To have an informal church operating within the regular church is like having active cancer cells in a healthy body. A person diagnosed as having cancer has three options: (1) deny there is a cancer and refuse to recognize the progressive sickness in the body; (2) recognize that there is a cancer, ignore medical treatment, and pray that God will work a miracle of healing; (3) recognize that the cancer must be gotten rid of, have it medically treated, and if possible, have it cut out.—Issues book, page 19.

I will here briefly list the five doctrines:
1. The doctrine that we receive weakness from Adam, but not guilt, now being replaced by the Calvinistic doctrine of original sin that is defined as inherited guilt.

2. The doctrine that our Lord came to this earth in the human nature of fallen man, now being replaced by the Calvinistic doctrine that Christ came to earth in the human nature of the unfallen Adam.

3. The doctrine of righteousness by faith, now being replaced by the Calvinistic doctrine of unrighteousness by presumption, salvation in sin.

4. The doctrine of the sanctuary, now being either denied or replaced by vague uncertainties. Belief in the Spirit of Prophecy, now being denied because it supports all of the Adventist doctrines listed above and firmly rejects the Calvinistic doctrines.—Issues: The Real Issue, the Side Issues and the Pseudo Issues, by Ralph Larson, p. 13.

"Roger Coon, in his recent article on the tithe, indicated that the big issue with independents is in the area of the nature of Christ. He said that there are three positions within the church:

"1) Jesus in His human nature was like Adam before the Fall. 2) He was like Adam after the Fall. 3) He was both like Adam before the Fall and after the Fall."—Issues: Clarified, p. 58.

1992—LOST BURRO MINE WM–445
The Lost Burro Mine movie was filmed March 22-24, 1992, at Death Valley Desert with the help of over twenty Seventh-day Adventist Church members and two prominent Adventist leaders: Lynn Mallery, then secretary of the Southeastern California Conference and now its president and L. Stephen Gifford, at that time the president of the Southeastern California Conference. The film contained cigarette smoking, armed robbery, shooting people, a visit to a whorehouse, liquor drinking, gambling, and immoral acting according to historic Adventist standards. Copies of the movie were sent to 17 families in June and was openly premiered by Keith Knoche at the Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church, July 25, 1992, to over 200 Seventh-day Adventist Church members. He charged admission to the film and sold copies of the movie in video format.

When the Venden scandal broke out, Steve Gifford, then president of the Southeastern California Conference, was the one willing to take him on a transfer into his conference. He thereafter protected him. Steve Gifford was the one who gave Dan Simpson the go-ahead to start the first California Adventist Celebration church (at that time, only the second such Adventist church on the continent). Gifford frequently attended it, and was observed taking part in the audience skits. Steve Gifford delivered the most fiery delegate response of disgust at the 1990 Indiana General Conference Session, just after the delegates turned down the women’s ordination proposal.

On Sunday, March 27, 1994, Steve Gifford was elected president of the Texas Conference, which came as a surprise to many. In the late summer of 1993, he was forced to resign as president of the Southeastern California Conference because he married a couple with a double ring-ceremony; the man had left his wife to marry the second woman.

Knoche’s movie was also supported by leaders of Lifestyle Magazine and VOP—WM–445; WM–524.

A theory was originated by William H. Grotheer. They believe the treading down of Jerusalem by the Gentiles ended with the Six Day War in 1967 even though Jerusalem has continued to have Jews, Muslims (Arabs), Armenians, Copts, and Christians living in and walking about within its city limits. In the Spirit of Prophecy, Luke 21:24 is only alluded to. You will not find one instance in which Luke 21:24 is quoted. When checking the CD-ROM, Ellen White never quoted that verse anywhere in her writings. Luke 21:5-6 and Luke 20:24 clearly refer to this well-known Palestinian city and not to the New Jerusalem.

William Grotheer says that the probation of the
Seventh-day Adventist denomination ended in 1967, because the Jews won the Six Day War against the Arabs. After that date, it was no longer necessary to evangelize the world.—WM–411.

**1993—AARON AND HUR CLUB** WM–470
This club was formed in California about the year 1993, by a Seventh-day Adventist member, for the purpose of holding up the arms of the leaders of the denomination. There are two Aaron and Hur groups in the Bible (Ex. 17:8-16). Aaron and Hur held up the arms of Moses in the battle of the Israelites and Amalekites (Ex. 24:14 and Ex. 32). In Ex. 32, Aaron makes the golden calf.

**1993—HUMOR AT ANDREWS** Newsletter - PCN
_countdown, May, 1993
(Student) Newspaper—Picture of Andrews University Newspaper - a man with pants down and sitting on a toilet seat between two railroad tracks, titled “Student Movement” and captioned “Toot, toot . . . here comes the movement.”—Newsletter - PCN

**1993—AT SOUTHERN COLLEGE: WOMAN MINISTER, CLOWN “MINISTRY,” AND MORE**
_Southern Tidings_, August 1993

_Southern Tidings_ pictured Libby Riano, assistant chaplain this year. She also has served, by invitation, as a member of the youth cabinet set up by the General Conference president. Also in “The Spiritual Side of Southern College” is pictured a group of nine students in the ‘Clown Ministry’—Geraldine Ragan and assistant Ricky entertaining the senior citizens at their banquet (a ventriloquist act); E.E. Cleveland, the divine worship speaker for the first weekend (dressed in robe over pants with scarf around neck, with two large gold crosses displayed near the neck and the pants and robe are all black); and CARE-sponsored singing group that traveled to California and Canada (dress code: pianist, dress mid-thigh; director and two females with dresses above the knee; all females with spike heels).

**1993—KMC SUIT SETTLED** WM–448
Outcome of the suit resulted in bylaws revised, to ensure enough voting power to community members; all financial disbursements would be under the jurisdiction of this board; and only 6 of 15 members of the board would be from the local community. The revised bylaws required that a majority of the six must agree to it before a given motion was carried. A gag agreement was required by the General Conference.
1993—CHRISTIAN, NOT SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST Review, 6-2-94; Southern Tidings, Oct., 1994

Madian Blair, president of AHS/Sunbelt favors President Clinton’s health care plan. [He says,] “We are a Christian Hospital before a Seventh-day Adventist Hospital.”

1994—FOLKENBERG: “AHS LOST” CP–135

Letter—"A friend of mine told me Sunday that a friend of his slipped into a ministers’ meeting in Northern California. Robert S. Folkenberg told the group that the Health Systems (AHS) is lost, and that the debts are out of control and unretractable. I told my friend, a retired minister, that I believed the sooner we lost the health system the better. He agreed.”—West Coast.—Checkpoints 135, June 1, 1994.


On January 31, 1994, the NRB (National Religious Broadcasters) gave one of its members, the Voice of Prophecy, its distinguished award, the Milestone Achievement, for its achievements. VOP speaker, Lonnie Melashenko, received the medallion and plaque at the annual convention of the NRB in Washington, D.C. According to a brief news report in the Review, the changeover in NRB attitude came about because of “continuing dialogue” between it and VOP leadership over “doctrinal differences.”


Napier, New Zealand: Letter to the effect that the Division insisted they could not put the Three Angels sign out front of a newly constructed church, but must use the new sign. They explained that the new sign is a cross with a 7 under it (for the seventh day) and an A under the 7 for Adventist. But it is one half of the sign found on the “imprimatur page” of Roman Catholic approved books for the congregation to read.

1994—WCC SPONSORS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT ANDREWS Copy of Program, Southern Tidings, p. 15, December 1994; Checkpoints 142, January 1, 1995
WCC (World Council of Churches) sponsors TV Christmas program, this year at Pioneer Church - Andrews University.

1994—SAMPLE ACCREDITED SCHOOL
Florida Focus, July, August, September 1994

Accreditation—Greater Miami Academy has applied for Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation; we are on the Florida Department of Education’s accreditation list.

1994—MARDIAN BLAIR ON WHY HAVE AHSs
WM–626 AR June 2, 1994

“A network is a grouping of health-care facilities—hospitals, physicians, offices, clinics, and other health-care providers that unite to attract blocks of patients or managed-care businesses. Most Adventist hospitals can’t get the contracts because they’re just not large enough to cover whole cities or geographic areas. Networks allow us to participate in providing full health services across a given area.”—Mardian Blair, Adventist Review, June 16, 1994 [Mardian Blair, president of Adventist Health Systems/Sunbelt].

1994—BEWARE OF AY2Y MEETINGS
WM–565, 566, 567, 568 · November 1994

AY2Y (Adventist Youth to Youth) is purportedly an Adventist Church project reaching across national borders, to help our young people help other youth reject hard drugs. But in reality, as you will learn below, it is a clandestine enrollment operation, to initiate youth covens throughout our churches.

They are designed to erase the conscience, break down personal standards, and bring our impressionable youth into mental and emotional subjection to assigned leaders. NLP techniques are used. Sabbath Celebration church services with play-acting skits, semi-rock music, Pentecostal swaying, pastoral absolution, and hyped-up sermons. Mid-week cell units for adults and AY2Y classes begin with senseless activities—all designed to harden the conscience, animalize the nature, frivolize the outlook, and chase away the guardian angels. Action games of various kinds are used to entice young men and women to draw closer to one another. NLP Seminars are disguised as working for drug addicts and are mostly taught by non-SDA leaders. Demonstrable hugging. Competitive games. The team manual is 76 pages. Cell groups referred to as family groups and to keep information strictly confidential. There is dancing. Video of an actual rape. Dating class - Set limits before you enter motel door with your date.

Why do leaders fear to have family present? Because they want to lower standards of youth. Non-SDA singer, Karl Anthony, sang with bare torso—embraced by woman with long red painted nails.

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__WM–515-517 THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LAWSUIT Part 1-3 Mar 94 Index: Christian Science / Prophecy Countdown


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1995—DENYING THE HOLY SPIRIT WM–577

The erroneous teaching that there is no Holy Spirit (the Holy Spirit does not exist separately as the Third Person of the Godhead) is being taught more widely, now that Bill Stringfellow has joined Fred Allaback and William Grotheer in promoting it.

1995—CATHOLIC PRIEST GIVES PUC WEEK OF PRAYER WM–661-662

“In the words of Francis of Assisi, as he spoke to Brother Dominio on the road to Umbria, ‘Hi.’”—With these words, Brennan Manning, a devout Roman Catholic and former priest, began the fall 1995 ‘Week of Spiritual Emphasis’ at the Pacific Union College Church, in Angwin, California. He believed he had an important message to bring them. Before he was done, the students believed it too. That which you may not realize is that the new Catholic ecumenical gospel is almost identical to the ‘good news’ which Desmond Ford (who himself holds membership in the PCU College Church) preaches. According to Revelation 14:9-12, these modernist Christians have enough in common to eventually earn them the mark of the beast. Here is this Catholic reach-across gospel, which, you will discover, is none other than the apostasy which is rapidly penetrating our own denomination.

1995—LUZON WITHDRAWAL Printed account

On January 3, 1995, these members asked that the membership of each name and company church be removed from the church roll of the Central Luzon Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists immediately. The Zone 1 Seventh-day Adventist Company Church, Manila.

The Manifesto: for mishandling of funds, gambling with membership’s money in stock market, leaders making decisions concerning matters which need consensus and opinion of the greater majority of leaders incorporated in the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital without the knowledge of the Church. If grievances are not addressed by the leaders, we can consider legal action the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists had delegated representative Dr. Bert Beach to the World Council of Churches Seventh Assembly.

1995—BILL STRINGFELLOW WM–574, 575, 576, 577

In 1995, Stringfellow came out openly in an attack on the divinity of Christ and a denial of His eternity. He denies there is any Holy Spirit after the millennium. The Seventh-day Adventist Church believed this concept, but we changed shortly after Ellen White died. Bill says this false teaching came in when we were sold out to the Evangelicals in the 1950’s. He says “Satan got the pagans to revere Nimrod as god,” and then comments that the devil wanted God’s people to worship Christ as a second God—in order to destroy them. He continues, Ellen White agreed with all her peers. Bill’s special proof of Christ’s non-eternity is the same used by Arians for over 1,650 years since the time of Arius in Egypt, which they take for proof (Proverbs 8:22-30). In that chapter “wisdom” speaks, but “wisdom” comes from God (Ellen White has stated that “wisdom,” in this passage, personifies Christ.).

WM–563 We are not to SET TIME Jan 95 Index: Time Setting

WM–564 THE JUBILEE Jan 95 Index: Jubilee

WM–565-568 BEWARE! AYZY Part 1-4 Nov 94 Index: Youth

WM–569-571 LARRY WILSON VS. GOD'S WORD Part 1-3 Jan 95 Index: Wilson / Spirit of Prophecy, attacks on

WM–572 TRYING TO GIVE JERUSALEM TO THE VATICAN May 95 Index: Jerusalem / Catholicism

WM–574-576 TEACHINGS OF BILL STRINGFELLOW Part 1-3 Dec 94 Index: Stringfellow / Holy Spirit


WM–580-582 NAD TITHE MISAPPROPRIATION POLICY Part 1-3 Jan 95 Index: Tithe

WM–583-586 THE TORRES CASE Part 1-4 Jan 95 Index: Torres, Rudy / Adultery

WM–587-588 KEEPING ADULTROUS PASTORS Part 1-2 Feb 95 Index: Adultery

WM–589-591 OUR HISTORIC STANDARDS ON ADULTERY, DIVORCE, AND REMARRIAGE Part 1-3 Mar 95 Index: Adultery / Divorce

WM–592 DISFELLOWSHIP ITEM REMOVED FROM 1995 SESSION AGENDA Feb 95 Index: Disfellowship / Utrecht

WM–593-594 LINKING WITH THE LUTHERANS Part 1-2 Feb 95 Index: Lutherans / Ecumenism

WM–595-597 REPLY TO THREE RESPONSES Part 1-3 Mar 95 Index: Wheeling / Spirit of Prophecy, attacks on

1996—PORTER AND CATHOLICS UNITE Several sources

“News in Brief—Catholic Adventist health systems join. Denver (CNS)—Two Colorado health care providers, one Catholic and one Adventist, have joined forces to become one of the state’s largest health care systems and employers. PorterCare Adventist Health System and Sisters of Charity Health Services, Colorado, both nonprofit health care systems, announced Dec. 14 that they had finalized an agreement to form a single management company.”—The Monitor January 4, 1996 (WM–675).

“We Gave All; They Took All; They Control All; They Can Sell All.” To summarize: The Centura Agreement 1. is not a partnership; 2. is a perpetual corporation that the Roman Catholic Church can withdraw its assets from without penalty if the Church decided the assets are subject to its own church law; 3. does not contain a similar provision for withdrawing SDA assets; 4. does not allow the SDA member to withdraw for a non-cause without a devastating penalty; 5. requires an apparently substantial cash start-up contribution from PorterCare—that could be as high as $30 million;

“6. provided for a [Adventist] minority ownership share of the new management corporation and all assets it may acquire in the future—30 percent with the provision that the Sisters of Charity can unilaterally force it down to 20 percent by bringing in other Catholic health care assets; 7. provides for minority [Adventist] representation on the Board of Trustees (Board of Directors)—5 to 12 and 1 of 3 on the Executive Committee that will, in all probability, make most of the critical management decisions; 8. provides that the CEO, who is elected by the Centura 12 to 5 board, has the authority to appoint all other managers and executives with the additional requirement that executives of PorterCare be subject to approval of PorterCare Board;

“9. does not provide that all future managers and executives of SDA facilities must be SDA church mem-
Two nonprofit organizations will create a health care system of 19 facilities in five Colorado cities with a combined 3,467 physicians, 12,000 employees, and $1.3 billion in revenues.”—WM–675.

“11. results in total, 100 percent surrender of all [Adventist] management functions to Centura, including the right to dispose of existing assets; 12. provides that Centura will hold legal title to all new assets acquired with Centura funds; 13. is primarily performance and profit driven; and 14. requires all individuals employed by, or involved with, the Centura organization, to keep the terms and provisions of the Agreement confidential. That means secret.”—Twelve-page analysis, pp. 9-11 [emphasis his], “Attorney and Counselor at Law,” quoted in WM–713.

“Adventist-Catholic health care providers, one Catholic and one Adventist, have joined forces to become one of the state’s largest health care systems and employers. Together, the PorterCare Adventist Health Systems will have $1.3 billion in combined gross revenue and approximately 12,000 employees. The new organization, expected to be finalized in early 1996, will be unique in the United States because it combines finances of two separate Christian health care systems.

“The companies say that their combination will allow them to continue their Christian mission in the face of health systems motivated mainly by profit. Gary Susnara, president of the Sisters of Charity organization, said, ‘These for-profit organizations are committed to enhancing stockholders profits, whereas we are committed to our mission of community service.’ The sisters of Charity facilities include six hospitals or nursing homes in Denver, six in Colorado Springs, two in Pueblo, and one each in Canon City and Florence. PorterCare Adventist facilities include three hospitals in Denver.”—Our Sunday Visitor, The Complete Catholic Newspaper Vol. 84, No. 36, January 7, 1966 (WM–675).

Louisville Times, Saturday, December 16, 1995, by Greg Avery, Avista—“Named in $1.3 billion hospital merger, PorterCare Adventist Health Systems, parent company of Louisville’s PorterCare Hospital-Avista, on Thursday announced a partnership with Sisters of Charity Health Services, Colorado, forming a joint management organization that will govern one of the state’s largest health care systems . . . the two nonprofit organizations will create a health care
**FF–0 INDEX** Spr 80 Contents listing of FF–1-31 and WM–18-23 (TB:NEW THEOLOGY/1) Index: New Theology

**FF–1 HEBREWS NINE AND THE SANCTUARY MESSAGE** Spr 80 Hebrews 9:1-10 simply explained (TB:NEW THEOLOGY/1; SANCTUARY/1) Index: Hebrews, book of / New Theology / Sanctuary

**FF–1a HEBREWS 1 TO 13 AND THE SANCTUARY MESSAGE** Fall 83 Historic Adventism in Hebrews (TB:NEW THEOLOGY/1; SANCTUARY/1) Index: Hebrews, book of / New Theology / Sanctuary

**FF–2 AN APPEAL BY EIGHT MINISTERS** Spr 80 Part 2 of this appeal by Australian pastors is in FF–3 (TB:NEW THEOLOGY/1) Index: New Theology

**FF–3 A. L. WHITE REPLY TO D. B. FORD** Spr 80 A. L. White’s reply to Ford’s 1979 lecture (TB:NEW THEOLOGY/1) Index: Ford / New Theology

**FF–4 LOMA LINDA DIALOGUE** Spr 80 Paxton speaks at Loma Linda (TB:NEW THEOLOGY/1) Index: New Theology / Paxton


**FF–8-15 HOW FIRM OUR FOUNDATION** Part 1-8 Spr 80 Point-by-point rebuttal of Desmond Ford’s October 1979 Pacific Union College taped sermon (TB:NEW THEOLOGY/1) Index: Ford / New Theology

**FF–16-18 ONE PATH TO HEAVEN** Part 1-3 Spr 80 VP vs. Ford statements (TB:OFFSHOOTS/3) Index: New Theology

**FF–19-21 FUTURISM THE DEVASTATOR** Part 1-2 Spr 80 Error of Futurism; Ford misquotes; Adventist Bible interpretation (TB:NEW THEOLOGY/1) Index: Futurism / New Theology

**FF–22-25 MESSAGE OF MINNEAPOLIS** Part 1-4 Spr 80 Spirit of Prophecy, E. G. Waggoner, and A. T. Jones tell us what that message was (TB:INSPIRATIONAL/1) Index: Minneapolis / Righteousness by faith

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**FF–31 REPLY TO DESMOND FORD’S TWELVE POINTS** Spr 80 Replies to Ford’s 12 reasons (TB:NEW THEOLOGY/1) Index: Ford / New theology

**FF–32 RE-EXAMINING BRINSMEADE’S “RE-EXAMINED”** Spr 80 (TB:OFFSHOOTS/3) Index: Brinsmead

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**FF–37-38 AUSTRALASIAN CONTROVERSY** Part 4-5 Spr 80 (TB:DOCTRINAL HISTORY/3) Index: Australia

**FF–39 THIS IS THE NEW THEOLOGY** Spr 80 Several summations of what the new theology actually teaches (TB:NEW THEOLOGY/1) Index: New theology

**FF–40-41 AUSTRALASIAN TAKEOVER** Part 1-2 Spr 80 (TB:DOCTRINAL HISTORY/3) Index: Australia

**FF–42 THE MAN OF ROMANS SEVEN** Spr 80 (1) Major rebuttal of original sin from the SP, Jones, Waggoner; (2) Bible and SP defines sin (TB:DOCTRINE/3) Index: Original sin / Romans seven

**FF–301-305 THE HUMAN NATURE OF CHRIST** Part 1-5 Spr 83 (TB:DOCTRINE/3) Index: Nature of Christ

**FF–306 SUMMARY OF THE HUMAN NATURE OF CHRIST** Spr 83 Brief summary of this important doctrine (TB:DOCTRINE/3) Index: Nature of Christ

(TB:WHITE/2) Index: False prophets

*PG–54  IDENTIFYING A PROPHET: MORE ON THE “SPIRIT DICTATIONS”  Fall 85  (TB:WHITE/2) Index: False prophets

*PG–62  A STORM IS COMING  Oct 86  (TB:WHITE/1) Index: White predictions

*PG–101  THE PROPHET SPEAKS: SLIGHTING THE TESTIMONIES 1982  Reprint from an important chapter in “Testimonies” (TB:WHITE/1) Index: White

PG–121-124  DANGERS OF TIME SETTING Part 1-4  Apr 92 Index: Timesetting

*PG–201  THE AGE OF THE EARTH  Jan 87  (TB:WHITE/1) Index: Creation

*PG–201a  WHEN WAS THE EARTH MADE? 1990  Definitive SP statements on the age of the earth  (TB:WHITE/1) Index: Creation

*PG–211-212  COUNCILS ON THE CELEBRATION CHURCH Part 1-2  June 90  SP statements against Celebration-type worship activities (TB:WHITE/1) Index: Celebration

*PG–239  COUNCILS ON COMMITTEE MEETINGS  July 90  SP statements regarding church board, committee meetings, etc. (TB:ORGANIZATIONAL/2) Index: Committee meetings

PG–351  MISSION OF OUR MEDICAL SCHOOL AND THE WORK OF THEIR GRADUATES  Dec 92 Index: Loma Linda / Schools

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*PL - PATLIGHTS SERIES——

*PL–1  THE MESSAGE OF ISAIAH FIFTY-EIGHT  1980  Startling points you need to read and share with others (TB:INSPIRATIONAL/1) Index: Isaiah 58


*PL–5  THE MIXED MULTITUDE  Jan 87  SP quotes: Important points for our own time in history (TB:INSPIRATIONAL/1) Index: Mixed multitude

*PL–6-8  DIVINE GUIDANCE Part 1-3  Oct 92-Dec 92 Index: Guidance, Divine / Spirit of Prophecy quotes

*PL–21-31  ANGELS HOVERING NEAR Part 1-11  Jan 91  SP quotes: All about angels in your life (TB:INSPIRATIONAL/1) Index: Angels

*PL–201  OVERCOMING DISCOURAGEMENT  Dec 93 Index: Encouragement

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*PQ - PILGRIMS’ QUOTABLES SERIES——

*PQ–1  THE KING IS COMING  1984  Chart: J. S. Washburn’s thrilling presentation, plus inspiring poems  Index: Inspirational / Washburn, J.S.

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*PS - PUBLISHING SENTINEL SERIES——

*PS–1-11  PUBLISHING SENTINEL  Mar 83  A variety of church publication problems: new theology in Gulley Quarterly (PS–1a), Catholic teachings in Collegiate Quarterly (PS–1b-8) Insight magazine articles (PS–9-1) (TB:MEDICAL/PUBLISHING/2) Index: Publishing problems

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*RS - REMNANT STANDARDS SERIES——

*RS–1  OUT OF THE CITIES  1980  All the important quotes in “Country Living”—plus more not found there (TB:STANDARDS/1)

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*ST - STRAIGHT TALK SERIES——

*ST–1-3  AUSTRALIAN STRAIGHT TALK  Fall 83  Miscellaneous reports, letters, and news items about new theology problems in Australia (TB:DOCTRINAL HISTORY/3) Index: Australia
**TE - TRUE EDUCATION SERIES**

**TE-1**  THE SCIENCE OF TRUE EDUCATION  1982  A study by Moore and Demazo, plus additional SP quotations  (TB:SCHOOLS)  Index: Education, true

**TE-2**  WHY OUR SCHOOLS WERE ESTABLISHED  1982  SP quotes: The reasons why we have schools  (TB:SCHOOLS)  Index: Schools

**TE-3**  REVELATION AND SCIENCE  1983  Mainly SP quotes: Values and dangers of scientific study and teachings  (TB:SCHOOLS)  Index: Schools / Science

**TE-4**  HOW STUDENTS' DOUBTS ARISE  1983  An Adventist college teacher tells how the new theology teachers teach error  (TB:SCHOOLS)  Index: Schools / Students

**TE-5**  I WRITE ON BEHALF OF CONCERNED PARENTS  Sept 86  One mother expresses her concerns  (TB:SCHOOLS)  Index: Schools

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**WD - WINDS OF DOCTRINE SERIES**

**WD-1-2**  THE ADVENTIST REFORM CHURCH Part 1-2  1985  History, splinters, teachings, errors  (TB:OFFSHOOTS/1)  Index: German Reform Church / Reform Church / Adventist Reform Church

**WD-11-20**  THE TERRIBLE STORM Part 1-10  1980  Probably the most complete Bible-Spirit of Prophecy collection on the “God will never kill the incorrigibly wicked” teaching  (TB:OFFSHOOTS/2)  Index: God does not kill the wicked / Terrible storm

**WD-41**  HISTORY OF THE SHEPHERD'S ROD  1986  Amazing story of this organization  (TB:OFFSHOOTS/1)  Index: Shepherd’s Rod

**WD-42-45**  TEACHING OF THE SHEPHERD’S ROD Part 1-4  Aug 89  Detailed study and refutation of their teachings  (TB:OFFSHOOTS/1)  Index: Shepherd's Rod

**WD-51-56**  THIS IS LOR Part 1-6  Mar 89  Wayne Bent’s extremely dangerous “Life Supports” organization  (TB:OFFSHOOTS/1)  Index: LOR

**WD-101-103**  LOOKING INTO THE NEW AGE Part 1-3  1986  Subtle dangers; how to identify them  (TB:CATHOLICISM/NEW AGE/2)  Index: New Age

**WD-104**  HINDU ORIGINS OF THE NEW AGE MOVEMENT  1986  (TB:NEW AGE/1)  Index: New Age

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**SECTION TWO - MISSIONARY TRACTS**

IMPORTANT: Every missionary tract is currently available in tract form, and most are available in tractbooks so that, at any time, you can easily and quickly look over the full range of our tracts for a special tract you might wish to share with others.

**BS - BIBLE SABBATH SERIES**

IMPORTANT: In order to help you decide which ones you may wish to distribute, a sample of every tract in the BS Series is available in the “Sabbath missionary” section of our tractbook, MISSIONARY TRACTS TRACTBOOK. For your information, the most used ones at this time are BS–6, BS–21, and BS–24. In addition, BS–26 is often shared as a second tract along with one of these.

**BS-1**  WHAT DAY IS THE BIBLE SABBATH  A heart-warming Bible-based presentation of the Sabbath truth

**BS-2**  WHO CHANGED THE BIBLE SABBATH  Bible summary; Prot and Cath quotes; $100,000 offer

**BS-3**  DISCOVERING THE SABBATH OF JESUS  The unaltered weekly cycle can be traced back in history

**BS-4-5**  THE STORY OF THE CHANGE OF THE SABBATH Part 1-2  History of the change

**BS-6**  THIS IS THE BIBLE SABBATH  Sixty Bible facts about Sabbath and sixty on Sunday, plus timelines (replaced by BS–6)

**BS-7-10**  THE TRUTH ABOUT THE MARK OF THE BEAST  Part 1-4  Now Part 1 of our book, Mark of the Beast

**BS-11-12**  QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE BIBLE SABBATH Part 1-2  Twenty questions answered

**BS-13**  ENTERING THE SABBATH EXPERIENCE  SP quotes: How to prepare for, and keep, the Sabbath

**BS-14**  PITCAIRN ISLAND  A tropical island people that found God and the Sabbath (now chaps 1-3 of “Beyond Pitcairn”)

**BS-15**  SUNDAY LAWS IN AMERICA  Historical incidents from 1637 to 1961 give us a solemn warning today

**BS-16**  THE CASE AGAINST SUNDAY LAWS  Legal decisions, especially for attorneys, jurists, legislators

**BS-17**  PROTESTANTISM SPEAKS  Statements by Protestant leaders and writers about Sabbath and Sunday

**BS-18**  CATHOLICISM SPEAKS  Statements by Roman Catholic clergy and writers on this subject

**BS-19-20**  HISTORIANS SPEAK Part 1-2  Additional material to BS–4-5, although BS–4-5 is better

**BS-21**  MARK OF THE BEAST  A powerful, simple, tract on the Sabbath, Mark, and Law of God

**BS-22**  AN APPEAL  “An Appeal” by Luther Warren/ “Questions Answered” by Erling Calkins

**BS-23**  LETTER FROM ROME  Rome tells Protestants: Keep the Bible Sabbath or come back to us! Protestant and Catholic quotes.

**BS-24**  A BETTER WAY OF LIFE  SP paraphrased: Health, coming to Christ, Sabbath, Last 3 pp. of BS–24-5 are the same

**BS-25**  THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS  SP paraphrased: omits health, more on coming to Christ. See BS–24

**BS-26**  HOW THE SABBATH WAS CHANGED TO SUNDAY  Excellent material—taken from boxes in our GC books

**BS-27**  THE STORY OF CONSTANTINE: The Man Who Changed the Christian Church  Explains the historical background of what Constantine and Roman church leaders did in the Fourth Century

**BS-28**  CHART OF THE WEEK Part 1-2  This is the fabulous Chart of the Week, written by William Mead Jones over a hundred years ago! It provides powerful evidence—from 160 languages—of the divine origin of the week and the seventh-day Sabbath!

**BS-30**  THE BEAST-MARK OF REVELATION  Condensation of BS–7-10

**BS-31**  SHOWDOWN IN SIBERIA  July 95

**BS-32**  POPE JOHN PAUL II VISITS AMERICA: Oct 3, 1995 to Oct 8, 1995  Sept 95  Index: Pope John Paul II / Catholicism

**BS-36**  BIBLE FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE SABBATH  Our most popular tract. What the Bible says about the Sabbath and Sunday. Replaces BS–6.
**CS - COLLEGIATE STUDIES SERIES**

**IMPORTANT:** CS–1 is available in the “Other Missionary” section of our tractbook, MISSIONARY TRACTS TRACTBOOK; CS–2-8 is available in the “Abortion Missionary” section of our tractbook, MISSIONARY TRACTS TRACTBOOK. (Nearly all of CS–2-8 is also included in our inexpensive missionary book, HELP FOR YOUR FAMILY. For information on that book, see our BOOK PRICE SHEET).

**CS–1** GOING TO POT A powerful presentation of the harmful effects of marijuana Index: Marijuana

**CS–2** PLEASE, SIR! KILL MY BABY A mother’s true story of her abortion operation/Science proves babies are human Index: Abortion

**CS–3** ABORTION IS NO FRIEND It can kill a wonderful baby (growth and development), and in 8 terrible ways Index: Abortion

**CS–4** ABORTION CAN DAMAGE WOMEN The terrible physical damage to many who have abortions Index: Abortion

**CS–5** THE ABORTION MARKET The Nazi abortion plan/vivisection on aborted babies/profits Index: Abortion

**CS–6** THE BIBLE AND ABORTION The Bible says that it is NOT right to kill your baby! Index: Abortion

**CS–7** WORLD WAR II – ABORTION TODAY War vs. abortion statistics/C. E. Koop speaks/position of churches Index: Abortion

**CS–8** MY DIARY The diary of a girl who loved the mother who killed her/Abortion facts Index: Abortion

**CS–9** WHAT TELEVISION IS DOING TO YOUR HOME Facts and statistics Index: Television

**CS–10** FACTS ABOUT THE BABY Feb 97 Index: Abortion

**CS–101-102** JOURNEY INTO OUTER SPACE Part 1-2 Dec 92 Index: Creation-Evolution

**CS–103** HISTORY OF COSMOLOGICAL THEORIES Feb 93 Index: Creation-Evolution

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**FAMILY BIBLE STUDIES**

These are excellent Bible studies on topics which are difficult to share with others: the state of the dead, and the punishment of the wicked. Every important Bible passage is included. Spiritualism, a related topic, is also included. We may later expand this to include other topical studies.

The “W” studies have questions, followed by partial blanks for write-in. The “Q” studies are the best, and have questions, followed by a quoted Bible passage. The “X” studies contain answers to objections, and are very complete.

**FBS–4Q** OTHER SIDE OF DEATH: Q&A May 95

**FBS–4W** OTHER SIDE OF DEATH: Write-in May 95

**FBS–4X** OTHER SIDE OF DEATH: Extra Helps May 95

**FBS–5Q** DEATH OF THE WICKED: Q&A May 95

**FBS–5W** DEATH OF THE WICKED: Write-in May 95

**FBS–5X** DEATH OF THE WICKED: Extra Helps May 95

**FBS–6Q** SATAN AND SPIRITUALISM: Q&A May 95

**FBS–6W** SATAN AND SPIRITUALISM: Write-in May 95

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**FC - FINAL CRISIS SERIES**

**IMPORTANT:** All FC tracts are also available in the “Great Controversy” section of our tractbook, MISSIONARY TRACTS TRACTBOOK.

**FC–1** CRISIS OF THE AGES SP: Great Controversy, chapter 29: “The Origin of Evil” chapter

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**GC - GREAT CONTROVERSY SERIES**

**GC–1** THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST SP: Most of the book by this name. A powerful presentation

**GC–2** THE ORIGIN OF EVIL SP: GC chap 29. Same as FC–1, but with a different title. Astounding coverage

**GC–3** THE APOSTASY SP: GC chap 3. How far men will go when they leave God and obedience to His Word

**GC–4** THE STORY OF THE WALDENSES SP: GC chap 4. Men and women who were willing to die for their faith

**GC–5** THE SANCTUARY OF PROPHECY SP: GC chap 23. The wonderful truth about the Sanctuary and our High Priest

**GC–6** THE INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT SP: GC chap 28. The great day of Judgement in the Sanctuary above

**GC–7** WHO CHANGED THE BIBLE SABBATH Not SP. All GC Sabbath sections in our GC tracts Same as BS–2

**GC–8** THE MARK OF THE BEAST SP: GC chap 25. The message of Revelation 13-14, and Beast, Mark, Seal

**GC–9** THE SNARES OF SATAN SP: GC chap 32. “Snares of Satan” chapter. Satan’s 65 traps

**GC–10** A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH SP: GC chap 33. Truth about “natural immortality” and eternal suffering

**GC–11** THE LURE OF SPIRITUALISM SP: GC chaps 27, 34. The deadly power of Spiritualism

**GC–12** AIDS OF BABYLON SP: GC chaps 35. The plan for takeover is here told in plain words

**GC–13** THE IMPENDING CONFLICT SP: GC chap 36, 38. What IS the Crisis? Here it is.

**GC–14** THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST SP: GC chap 40. This great event—powerfully detailed

**GC–15** THE MILLENNIUM AND THE NEW EARTH SP: GC chaps 41-42. Clear truth about a misunderstood subject

**GC–16** CALVARY SP: Not GC. DA chap 78. A transition tract to Bible studies with the reader

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**RO - REACH OUT SERIES**

**IMPORTANT:** All RO tracts are available in the “Other Missionary” section of our tractbook, MISSIONARY TRACTS TRACTBOOK. Looking through it, you will be able to decide which ones you may wish to distribute. Excellent help on quitting tobacco and alcohol is also to be found in our inexpensive missionary book, HELP FOR YOUR FAMILY. For information on this, ask for a BOOK PRICE SHEET.

**RO–1** STOPPING THE ALCOHOL HABIT Stories of men who have conquered. Information on how to stop (TB:STANDARDS/2) Index: Alcohol

**RO–11** TELEVISION AND X-RAYS June 87 Little-known physical dangers in watching TV (TB:STANDARDS/2) Index: Television

**RO–4** FACTS ABOUT CAFFEINE Feb 87 An unusually
complete presentation of its dangers (TB:MISSIONARY/5) **Index:**
Caffeine

*RO–3  YOUNG PEOPLE AND TOBACCO  Mar 87  Written for young people (TB:MISSIONARY/5) **Index:** Tobacco

*RO–2  LYME DISEASE  July 90  The deer tick disease (TB:REMEDIES) **Index:** Lyme disease

RO–12-13  NEW FACTS ABOUT AIDS  Part 1-2  Lorraine Day
Interview  **Index:** AIDS / Day, Lorraine

RO–501  THE GREAT DIVIDE  Sep 92  **Index:** America / Abortion

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**SW - STORM WARNINGS SERIES**

IMPORTANT: All SW tracts are available in the “Other Missionary” section of our MISSIONARY TRACTS TRACTBOOK.

*SW–1  NUCLEAR ATTACK!  Scientists predict effects of atomic war; pleas to come to God and keep His Law  **Index:** Nuclear attack

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**WG - WORD GUIDES SERIES**

IMPORTANT: All WG tracts are also available in the “Other Missionary” section of our MISSIONARY TRACTS TRACTBOOK.

*WG–1  THE TEN COMMANDMENTS  Bible study on the Moral Law and a call to keep it  **Index:** Law

*WG–2  WHERE DID HALLOWEEN COME FROM?  Satanic and pagan origins of Halloween  **Index:** Halloween

*WG–3  WHERE DID CHRISTMAS COME FROM?  Pagan and Catholic origins of Christmas  **Index:** Christmas

*WG–4  WHERE DID EASTER COME FROM?  Pagan and Catholic origins of Easter  **Index:** Easter

WG–11-13  INEXPRESSIBLE GIFT, THE  Part 1-3  Aug 98  **Index:** Missionary tracts (at back of Mindex)

WG–51  BRIEF BIBLE STUDIES  Sep 92

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**CH - COMING HOME SERIES**

IMPORTANT: We specifically designed the Coming Home Series to provide you with “ice-breaker” tracts, to be shared with otherwise prejudiced Christians. In order to help you decide which ones you may wish to distribute, samples of all CH tracts are also available in the “Other Missionary” section of our MISSIONARY TRACTS TRACTBOOK.

*CH–1  THE CRUCIFIXION  Historical, archeological, and medical information—and a strong appeal  **Index:** Crucifixion

*CH–2  THE HEBREW TRIALS OF CHRIST  The 32 ways that the Hebrew trials of Christ were illegal  **Index:** Crucifixion

*CH–3  CHRIST BEFORE PILATE  The whole story—plus historical and archeological data—and an appeal  **Index:** Crucifixion

*CH–4  THE MOST AMAZING MAN IN HISTORY  Excellent quotations about our wonderful Jesus  **Index:** Christ

*CH–5–7  THE EXCRUCIACUS  Part 1-3  A medical analysis of Christ’s death on Calvary  **Index:** Crucifixion

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**SE–10  ESTUDIOS BREVES DE LA BIBLIA  (Brief Bible Studies, Spanish)  Oct 92**

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**MORE ABOUT MISSIONARY TRACTS**

Great Controversy, 605, tells us that the Sabbath will be the great test in the Final Crisis. So, in our missionary tracts, we have especially focused on topics instructing people about the Third Angel’s Message: the Sabbath, Daniel 7, Revelation 13-14, etc. We are frequently asked which are our best missionary tracts. **BS–6** is our most popular single tract and is heavily Bible-based. **BS–26** is full of non-Biblical source material, and was taken from the boxed material in our editions of Great Controversy. It makes a good tract to be handed out with BS–6. **BS–2** is a good tract by itself, and **BS–21** is very popular (second only to BS–6). **BS–24** is excellent and highly appreciated by many. It begins with health (material from Ministry of Healing, 126-128), then goes into coming to Christ (paraphrases of portions of Steps to Christ), next into the importance of the law of God (taken from two or three Spirit of Prophecy passages), and finally concluding with an appeal to keep the Sabbath. All in all, this tract has an excellent balance to it. **BS–25** is very similar to it, and begins with more material, based on the Spirit of Prophecy, on coming to Christ. Then, from near the top of page 2—on to the end of the tract,—the content is identical to BS–24.
A Declaration of the Fundamental Principles, taught and practiced by the Seventh-day Adventists. "Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." Ephesians 2:20.

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

In presenting to the public this synopsis of our faith, we wish to have it distinctly understood that we have no articles of faith, creed, or discipline, aside from the Bible. We do not put forth this as having any authority with our people, nor is it designed to secure uniformity among them, as a system of faith, but is a brief statement of what is, and has been, with great unanimity, held by them.

We often find it necessary to meet inquiries on this subject, and sometimes to correct false statements circulated against us, and to remove erroneous impressions which have been obtained by those who have not had an opportunity to become acquainted with our faith and practice. Our only objective is to meet this necessity.

As Seventh-day Adventists, we desire simply that our position shall be understood; and we are more solicitous for this because there are many who call themselves Adventists who hold views with which we can have no sympathy, some of which, we think, are subversive of the plainest and most important principles set forth in the word of God.

As compared with other Adventists, Seventh-day Adventists differ from one class in believing in the unconscious state of the dead and the final destruction of the unrepentant wicked; from another class in believing in the perpetuity of the law of God as summarily contained in the ten commandments, in the operation of the Holy Spirit in the church, and in setting no times for the Second Advent to occur; from all classes in the observance of the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath of the Lord and in many applications of the prophetic scriptures.

With these remarks, we direct the attention of the reader to the following propositions which aim to be a concise statement of the more prominent features of our faith:

1. That there is one God, a personal, spiritual being, the creator of all things, omnipotent, omniscient, and eternal, infinite in wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness, truth, and mercy; unchangeable, and everywhere present by His representative, the Holy Spirit (Ps. 139:7).

2. That there is one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father, the one by whom God created all things, and by whom they do consist; that He took on Him the nature of the seed of Abraham for the redemption of our fallen race; that He dwelt among men, full of grace and truth, lived our example, died our sacrifice, and was raised for our justification. He ascended on high to be our only mediator in the sanctuary in Heaven, where, with His own blood, he makes atonement for our sins; which atonement so far from being made on the cross, which was by the offering of the sacrifice, is the very last portion of His work as priest according to the example of the Levitical priesthood, which foreshadowed and prefigured the ministry of our Lord in Heaven (see Lev. 16; Heb. 8:4, 5, 9, 6, 7, etc.). That the Holy Scriptures, of the Old and New Testaments, were given by inspiration of God, contain a full revelation of His will to man, and are the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

3. That Baptism is an ordinance of the Christian church, to follow faith and repentance; an ordinance by which we commemorate the resurrection of Christ. By this act we show our faith in his burial and resurrection, and through that, of the resurrection of all the saints at the last day; no other mode fitly represents these facts than that which the Scriptures prescribe, namely, immersion (Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12).
4. That the new birth comprises the entire change necessary to fit us for the kingdom of God, and consists of two parts: first, a moral change wrought by conversion and a Christian life; second, a physical change at the second coming of Christ; whereby, if dead, we are raised incorruptible and, if living, are changed to immortality in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye (John 3:3; 5; Luke 20:36).

5. We believe that prophecy is a part of God's revelation to man; that it is included in that scripture which is profitable for instruction (2 Tim. 3:16). That it is designed for us and our children (Deut. 29:29). So far from being enshrined in impenetrable mystery, it is that which especially constitutes the word of God as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Ps. 119:105; 2 Pet. 2:19). A blessing is pronounced upon those who study it (Rev. 1:1-3); and that, consequently, it is to be understood by the people of God, sufficiently to show them their position in the world's history and the special duties required at their hands.

6. That the world's history—from specified dates in the past, the rise and fall of empires, and chronological succession of events down to the setting up of God's everlasting kingdom—is outlined in numerous great chains of prophecy; these prophecies are now all fulfilled except the closing scenes.

7. That the doctrine of the world's conversion and temporal millennium is a fable of these last days, calculated to lull men into a state of carnal security and causes them to be overtaken by the great day of the Lord as by a thief in the night. That the second coming of Christ is to precede, not follow, the millennium; for, until the Lord appears, the papal power, with all its abominations, is to continue. The wheat and tares grow together, and evil men and seducers wax worse and worse, as the word of God declares.

8. That the mistake of Adventists in 1844 pertained to the nature of the event then to transpire, not to the time. That no prophetic period is given to reach to the Second Advent, but that the longest one, the two thousand and three hundred days, of Dan. 8:14, terminated in that year and brought us to an event called the cleansing of the sanctuary.

9. That the sanctuary of the new covenant is the tabernacle of God in Heaven, of which Paul speaks in Hebrews 8 and onward, of which our Lord, as great High Priest, is minister. That this sanctuary is the antitype of the Mosaic tabernacle and that the priestly work of our Lord, connected therewith, is the antitype of the work of the Jewish priests of the former dispensation (Heb. 8:1-5; etc). This is the sanctuary to be cleansed at the end of the 2300 days. What is termed its cleansing in this case, as in the type, is simply the entrance of the high priest into the most holy place, to finish the round of service connected therewith, by blotting out and removing from the sanctuary the sins which had been transferred to it by means of the ministration in the first apartment (Heb. 9:22, 23). This work, in the antitype, commencing in 1844, occupies a brief but indefinite space, at the conclusion of which the work of mercy for the world is finished.

10. That God's moral requirements are the same upon all men in all dispensations; that these are summarily contained in the commandments spoken by Jehovah from Sinai, engraved on the tables of stone and deposited in the ark, which was in consequence called the "ark of the covenant," or testament (Num. 10:33; Heb. 9:4; etc.). This law is immutable and perpetual, being a transcript of the tables deposited in the ark in the true sanctuary on high, which is also, for the same reason, called the ark of God's testament; for, under the sounding of the seventh trumpet, we are told that "the temple of God was opened in Heaven, and there was seen in His temple the ark of His testament" (Rev. 11:19).

11. That the fourth commandment of this law requires that we devote the seventh day of each week, commonly called Saturday, to abstinence from our own labor and to the performance of sacred and religious duties; this is the only weekly Sabbath known in the Bible, being the day that was set apart before paradise was lost (Gen. 2:2, 3), and will be observed in paradise restored (Isa. 66:22, 23). The facts upon which the Sabbath institution is based confine it to the seventh day, and are not true of any other day. The terms, Jewish Sabbath and Christian Sabbath, as applied to the weekly rest day, are names of human invention. These are unscriptural in fact, and false in meaning.

12. That as the man of sin, the papacy, has thought to change times and laws of God (Dan. 7:25), and has mislead almost all Christendom in regard to the fourth commandment. We find a prophecy of reform in this respect to be wrought among believers just before the coming of Christ (Isa. 56:1, 2; 1 Pet. 1-5; Rev. 14:12; etc).

13. That, as the natural or carnal heart is at enmity with God and His law, this enmity can be subdued only by a radical transformation of the affections, the exchange of unholy for holy principles. This transformation follows repentance and faith, is the special work of the Holy Spirit, and constitutes regeneration or conversion.

14. That, as all have violated the law of God and cannot of themselves render obedience to His just requirements, we are dependent on Christ—first, for justification from our past offenses and,
for grace whereby to render acceptable obedience to His holy law in time to come.

15. That the Spirit of God was promised to manifest itself in the church through certain gifts, enumerated especially in 2 Cor. 12 and Eph. 4; that these gifts are not designed to supersede or take the place of the Bible, which is sufficient to make us wise unto salvation, any more than the Bible can take the place of the Holy Spirit.

16. That, in specifying the various channels of its operation, the Spirit has simply made provision for its own existence and presence with the people of God to the end of time—to lead to an understanding of the word which it had inspired, to convince of sin, and work a transformation in the heart and life. Those who deny to the Spirit its place and operation do plainly deny that part of the Bible which assigns to it this work and position.

17. That God, in accordance with His uniform dealings with the race, sends forth a proclamation of the approach of the Second Advent of Christ; that this work is symbolized by the three messages of Rev. 14, the last one bringing to view the work of reform to the law of God that His people may acquire a complete readiness for that event.

18. That the time of the cleansing of the sanctuary (see proposition 10), synchronizing with the time of the proclamation of the third message, is a time of the investigative judgment—first with reference to the dead and at the close of probation with reference to the living. To determine who of the myriads now sleeping in the dust of the earth are worthy of a part in the first resurrection and who of its living multitudes are worthy of translation—points which must be determined before the Lord appears.

19. That the grave, whither we all tend, expressed by the Hebrew, sheol, and the Greek, hades, is a place of darkness in which there is no work, device, wisdom, or knowledge (Eccl. 9:10).

20. That the state to which we are reduced by death is one of silence, inactivity, and entire unconsciousness (Ps. 146:4; Eccl. 9:5,6; Dan. 12:2; etc.).

21. Out of this prison house of the grave, mankind is to be bodily resurrected. The righteous have part in the first resurrection, which takes place at the Second Advent of Christ; and the wicked in the second resurrection, which takes place a thousand years thereafter (Rev. 20:4-6).

22. That, at the last trump, the living righteous are to be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and with the resurrected righteous are to be caught up to meet the Lord, to be forever with God.

23. These immortalized ones are then taken to Heaven, to the New Jerusalem, the Father’s house in which there are many mansions (John 14:1-3), where they reign with Christ a thousand years, judging the world and fallen angels, that is, apportioning the punishment to be executed upon them at the close of the one thousand years (Rev. 20:4; 1 Cor. 6:2, 3).

24. That, during this time, the earth lies in a desolate and chaotic condition (Jer. 4:20-27), described as in the beginning by the Greek term abussos, bottomless pit (Septuagint of Genesis 1:2). Here Satan is confined during the thousand years (Rev. 20:1, 2) and finally destroyed (Rev. 20:10; Mal. 4:1). He has wrought the theater of ruin in the universe, being appropriately made for a time his gloom prison house and then the place of his final execution.

25. That at the end of the thousand years, the Lord descends with his people and the new Jerusalem (Rev. 21:2). The wicked dead are raised and come up upon the surface of the yet unrenewed earth, and gather about the city, the camp of the saints (Rev. 20:9). And fire comes down from God out of heaven and devours them. They are then consumed root and branch (Mal. 4:1), becoming as though they had not been (Obad. 15, 16).

26. In this destruction from the presence of the Lord (2 Thess. 1:9), the wicked meet the everlasting punishment threatened against them (Matt. 25:46). This is the perdition of ungodly men, the fire which consumes them being the fire for which the heavens and the earth are now kept in store, which shall melt even the elements with its intensity and purge the earth from the deepest stains of the curse of sin (2 Pet. 3:7-12).

27. There will be a new heaven and a new earth, by the power of God, with the New Jerusalem, which is its metropolis and capital, the eternal inheritance of the saints, the place where the righteous shall evermore dwell (2 Pet. 3:13; Ps. 37:11, 29; Matt. 5:5).
In the prologue the question was asked, “Who and What Is the Seventh-day Adventist Church?” In reviewing the information in this book, *The Development of Apostasy in the Seventh-day Adventist Church: A Chronological List*, there appears only two instances of number four in the listing below, exalting the first day of the week above God’s holy and sanctified day (which is one of the ten named). The mention in this book is listed under “Educational System” - the Sample Sunrise Service. The second is under the listing of Adventist Sunday Worship Services which were held in conjunction with evangelical services in Ohio. These were not orchestrated by the leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on the local, conference, union, division, or General Conference levels. These services were not mandated from the leaders of the organized church, that members should attend or encourage others to attend. These choices were by the local area Seventh-day Adventist churches.

In all my listings in this book (several are cross references), prerequisites for the church to meet in order to become Babylon are given to us by our inspired prophetess and messenger, Sister Ellen G. White, and HAVE NOT BEEN MET which are:

1). The natural immortality of the soul.
2). The eternal torment of the wicked.
3). The denial of the pre-existence of Christ prior to His birth in Bethlehem.
4). Exalting the first day of the week above God’s holy and sanctified day.—*TM 61*.

Romish errors:
5). purgatory.
6). prayers for the dead.
7). invocation of the saints.
8). eternal torment.
9). delusions of Universalism.
10). assumption that the law of God was abolished at the cross and that the first day of the week is now a holy day instead of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment—*4SP 23*.

Some of these that are repeated here in *Spirit of Prophecy*, Vol. 4, are mentioned above in *Testimonies to Ministers*.

We as Seventh-day Adventists have no excuse for confusion with the King James Version of the Bible at our fingertips and the multitude of writings of our last-day prophetess and messenger, Sister Ellen G. White. May the pages of this book help to clarify for the reader any doubt that may have been lurking in the recesses of the mind.

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