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“...Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee:” Acts 3:6

We agree there is no salvation, other than in the name of Jesus Christ. (Act 4:12). Many restrict the definition of THE church to a building or a group of buildings. God did have a structure which was entrusted with His truth, but when that structure promotes error and opposes truth, then it is not to be obeyed. This happened when Christ came to His Church on earth. Most followed that structure to their ruin. The few that went to hear the truth outside the structure were saved. This shows that God's truth is greater than God's Church. The only reason that God raised up His Church was to promote His truth. The disciples had to battle against the Church leaders because of this inherent problem. They finally confronted the leaders with "...We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29. Here inspiration calls the Church leaders erring men. Christ had a reason for leaving His Church structure and preaching the truth in the fields. The Holy Spirit also had a reason for disregarding the Church structure when He fell upon those in the upper room. If Christ's mission was to promote unity, then He was an abysmal failure. When He was faced with a choice between truth and unity, He always chose truth. This inevitably divided the Church. Recently we received a letter from a concerned saint which was an appeal for unity with the Church and it's leadership. The letter however ignores the systematic attack and disfellowshipping by the Church upon those who are sighing and crying at the abominations in the Church. It ignores the heresies which is leading us back to Rome. The article is inadvertently supporting Satan's attack upon God's servants who are giving an unpopular warning. This false appeal for unity is vanquished by this statement. "Our work is an aggressive one, and as faithful soldiers of Jesus, we must bear the blood-stained banner into the very strongholds of the enemy... If we will consent to lay down our arms, to lower the blood-stained banner, to become the captives and servants of Satan, we may be released from the conflict and the suffering. But this

peace will be gained only at the loss of Christ and heaven. We cannot accept peace on such conditions. Let it be war, war, to the end of earth's history, rather than peace through apostasy and sin." God's Amazing Grace pg 333.

This inspired statement destroys all starry-eyed appeals for unity. In the following statement a new system of intellectual philosophy would come in and God expects His loyal children to meet it. We are told this Church structure would be swept away because it was built on sand. "The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization... The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced.... **Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement.** [The loyal one who are sighing and crying] *The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure... But in the providence of God, the errors that have been coming in must be met.*" ISM 204-208. The above quote shows God distain at error in His Church. The following quote shows his distain at all those who teach truth in a lukewarm manner. "If the Church of God becomes luke warm, it does not stand in favor with God any more than do the churches that are represented as having fallen and become the habitation of devils..." An Adventist Apocalypse pg 303.

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Let Him who has Ears to Hear, let Him Hear

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What was it that Jesus said more often than anything else? What was it that he said repeatedly, not only in the Gospels but also in the Book of Revelation? He virtually finished every sermon, every parable and every admonition with these words: “Let him who has ears to hear, let him hear.” What did he mean by these words? And why did he say these words so often? Obviously, whatever he meant by these words, was very important – they are still very important. With these words, Jesus was referring to the role of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was speaking spiritually, so that those who were led by the Holy Spirit, would connect with the Spirit. The science of salvation is only understood by those “who have ears to hear.”

The disciples were perplexed. They saw that the people did not understand Jesus, and they barely understood Him themselves. They reasoned that if Jesus was better understood, then He would be better accepted. They thought they had identified the problem, it was a lack of communication – Jesus needed some public relations assistance – Jesus needed to speak ‘plainly.’ They began their PR upgrade campaign with a question: “Why do you speak to the people in parables?” (Matt. 13:10; cf. Matt. 13:3, 34; Jn. 16:29). But Jesus almost always preferred to speak ‘spiritually’ using parables, metaphors and symbols. This is because Jesus practiced, ‘the science of salvation.’

We might well ask the same type of questions today. Why is the Bible written so symbolically? How are we supposed to know the difference between what is meant to be understood literally and what is meant to be understood symbolically (spiritually)? When it comes to biblical understanding and interpretation, one of the most confusing issues is: how do we distinguish between what is to be understood physically and what is to be understood symbolically? To illustrate: It was the first college class on Bible Prophecy. The teacher wrote on the white board many items and phrases taken from the Book of Revelation such as; Armageddon, the Mark of the Beast, the 144,000, the Great Multitude, Babylon, the Seven Last Plagues, the Kings from the East, the River Euphrates, the Temple, Mount Zion, Gog and Magog, etc., etc. He then asked us to write down whether we thought these things were meant to be understood literally or spiritually. When the results were analysed and collated there was a 50/50 split. It was found that approximately half the students thought that half of the selection from Revelation should be understood literally, and the other half of the selection spiritually. However, the rest of the class thought almost exactly the opposite. The teacher then made his point. He said: “You will never understand the book of Revelation, until you understand how to distinguish between what is meant to be

understood literally, and what is meant to be understood spiritually!”

It is not generally understood how spiritual the Bible is. For example, it is not generally understood that Jesus spoke almost exclusively in a spiritual manner. The life and teachings of Jesus Christ are illustrations of the science of salvation. Part of His teaching method was to use the literal to illustrate the spiritual. When Jesus referred to literal things He almost always and exclusively used them to teach spiritual lessons. When He was using or touching or seeing literal things, He used these things to make spiritual applications. Some examples are:

THE TEMPLE

After Jesus cleansed the temple for the first time, the Jews demanded some evidence that He was ‘authorized’ to act in such a manner. Jesus’ replied:

Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body. (Jn. 2:19-21.)

This is an easy example to begin with, because John tells us that we are not meant to understand this literally, but spiritually. Jesus used the literal temple and applied it spiritually. He used the literal temple because He was literally standing in the literal temple. He used what was literally at hand and turned it into a spiritual illustration. His authority to do what He did rested in the fact that He was the Messiah, and this would be proved by His death and resurrection. The Jews, however, understood His words literally, and therefore they misunderstood.

NICODEMUS

When Nicodemus came to consult with Jesus at night, Jesus said to Him, “you must be born again.” Today’s Christian, with a two thousand-year heritage behind him, has no difficulty in recognizing that this should be understood spiritually. To Nicodemus, however, the concept of a spiritual new birth was not part of his literalist heritage. His reaction was “how can a man enter his mother’s womb again?” (Jn. 3:3, 4). Jesus rebuked him by saying, “Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?” (Jn. 3:10, 12).

The literalist understanding of the Jews was a stumbling stone to them. Jesus had much more to share. He said to His disciples, “I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now” (Jn. 16:12). Jesus wanted to share “heavenly things” with people like Nicodemus and His disciples, but He was restricted in what He could impart because the people could not

distinguish between literal and spiritual. Jesus rebuked Nicodemus because he should have known better. He should have known how to distinguish between literal and spiritual.

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

Progressing on in the Gospel of John, Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well. This incident provides an interesting contrast to the same sort of discussion that Jesus has just had with Nicodemus. The woman at the well makes the same mistake as Nicodemus. She fails to understand the spiritual meaning of Christ’s words. But in contrast to Nicodemus, she receives no rebuke from Jesus. [This is almost certainly because Nicodemus, a religious leader of God’s chosen people should have known, whereas the woman not being a Jew, was not privy to the same privileges that Nicodemus was]. Jesus asked the surprised woman for a drink. He then said to her: “... If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; **thou wouldst have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.**” (Jn. 4:10).

Is Jesus referring to literal water or spiritual water? We do not need to be confused here, because Jesus is very kind to the woman at the well. He did something that He seldom did. He explained the spiritual meaning of His words: “... Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the **water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.**” (Jn. 4:13,14).

The woman indicates that she would like this water. But even with Jesus’ explanation she still does not understand that it is spiritual water, because she thinks if she had this water, she would not have to continue coming to the well for water. Once again we see Jesus using the literal things at hand and using them to teach spiritual truths. And



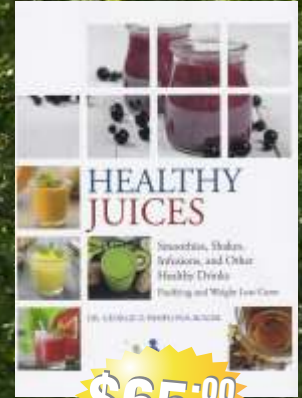
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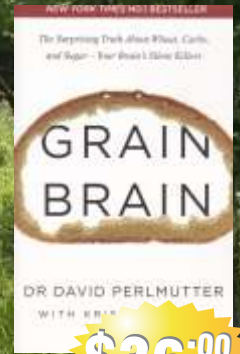
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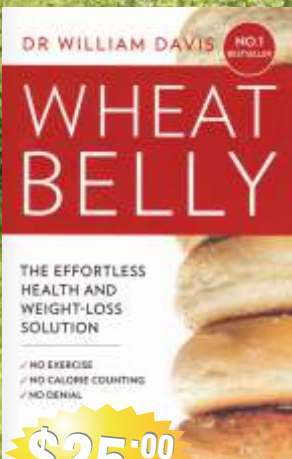
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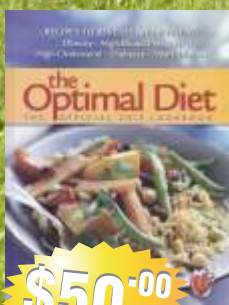
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The Gut-Brain Connection Pt 2

Kaye Sehm



Natural fruit has much less sugar than a can of soda, or a concentrated fruit juice. But eating too much fruit can adversely affect our blood sugar levels. Remember, be mindful of the foods that will raise the blood sugar levels.

Obesity

Most everyone knows that carrying around extra weight is unhealthy. Today it is known the fats cells are complex, sophisticated hormonal organs. Yes, fat is an organ. This is especially true of visceral fat, the fat wrapped around our liver, kidneys,



pancreas, heart and intestines. It triggers an immune reaction which includes the production of inflammatory chemicals that lead to brain degeneration. A 2005 study compared whether there was a relationship between the size of the belly and the structure of the brain. What they found is that the larger a person's belly, the smaller the brain's memory centre, the hippocampus. As your hippocampus shrinks, your memory declines.

Caloric Restrictions

Extensive studies show that when animals are on a restricted calorie diet (typically reduced by around 30%), their brain production of a protein called brain-derived neurotrophic factor, or BDNF, rises. This is key to creating new neurons in the brain. They show dramatic improvements in memory and other cognitive functions. In 1970, the United Nations stated that the average adult in the U.S. eats 3770 calories daily. Normal consumption for a man is 2500, and a woman 2000. A 30% reduction of calories on these figures would be most beneficial and would benefit the overall health, not just only the brain health. A very beneficial effect we practice is fasting. Fasting not only turns on the production of BDNF, but to also another Nrf2 pathway, leading to enhanced detoxification, reduction on inflammation and increased production of brain protecting antioxidants. Fasting shifts away from using glucose as a fuel to using ketones manufactured in the

liver. Simply, fasting enhances energy production and enables the brain to function better and more clearly.

Leaky Gut

The quality, quantity, and composition of the bacteria in your gut have enormous influence on your brain. Research is now coming out from the most respected institutions from all around the world that our gut bacteria determine whether we are going to have a healthy brain or not, whether our brain is going to function well or not, and whether our brain is going to become diseased or not.

The term Leaky Gut Syndrome is used to describe the condition of "Hyper-permeable Intestines," a medical term that means the intestinal lining has become more porous, with more holes developing that are larger in size and the screening out process is no longer functioning properly.

The intestinal lining is the first mechanism of defense for our immune system. The outer layers of intestinal cells (epithelial) are connected by structures called tight junctions. At the tips of these cells are the microvilli, which absorb properly digested nutrients and transport them through the epithelial cell and into the bloodstream. During the normal digestion process, the tight junctions stay closed, forcing all molecules to effectively be screened and only pass into the blood stream through the mucosa cells. Sometimes, these tight junctions can become "open" or permeable, allowing un-screened molecules to flow directly into the bloodstream. So large, undigested food molecules and other yeasts, toxins, and all other forms of waste, (that your body normally doesn't allow through), have a way to flow freely into your bloodstream.

First Reaction is to Fight

The first reaction your body has to these "foreign" bodies in your blood is to fight. Initially, the liver is called into action to work overtime and try to screen out all the particles that your intestinal lining was supposed to be taking care of. In most cases, the liver has no chance of keeping up with the constant flow of waste into your blood, and all the toxins, undigested food molecules, yeast, and other pathogens start to accumulate in your body.

Now, your immune system wakes up. It fights the foreign bodies and tries to get them out of the body as fast as possible. More often than not, the body cannot keep up with the task at hand and the majority of these foreign bodies absorb into tissues throughout the body - causing them to

inflamm.

Inflammation is also an immune response and causes even more stress on your system. Now that your body is focused on fighting a large war, the little battles are starting to be ignored, like filtering out the blood, calming inflamed areas of the body, fighting bacteria, regulating the gut, etc. This process can lead to your body fighting itself and an array of autoimmune diseases such as Chronic Fatigue, MS, IBS, Ulcerative Colitis, and Fibromyalgia.

The body then produces antibodies designed to fight against these foreign objects (such as casein, nuts, grains or eggs). Even chemicals normally found in foods such as phenols and glycerin can now trigger immune responses when they enter the body. The bugs that live within us are changing our genome expression moment to moment. Our genome has not changed over thousands of years. But now, suddenly, because we're changing our gut bacteria, we are changing the signals that are going to our own DNA; coding now for increasing things like free radicals, oxidative stress, and inflammation. That is a powerful player in terms of so many disease processes.

Being a brain specialist dealing with brain disorders, my whole career I've been stymied by not having really powerful tools to implement to bring about changes in individuals who have these issues. Now we're beginning to get those tools, and they are in the gut. Who knew?

In neurology school, we didn't study the makeup of the gut bacteria and how that would ever influence the brain, and yet, this is leading-edge science. This is what our most well-respected researchers and peer-reviewed journals are talking about: not only are the gut bacteria fundamentally involved in brain health, but you can change the gut bacteria by interventions - taking



probiotics and choosing to eat foods that are rich in prebiotics and to enhance the growth of good bacteria - and even more aggressive therapies [such as fecal transplants]"

Nutrition that is Available to Strengthen the Brain

To complete this article we must have some information on how we can use nutrition to keep our brains healthy. In fact, this is most important, because what we put in our bodies actually helps or hinders the brain's neural function. Scientists have identified more than 50 kinds of neurotransmitters, all of which have some impact on mental health. Dr Neil Nedley, in his book *The Lost Art of Thinking*, shares some important strategies to implement if you want optimum brain health. Space does not allow me to go through these here, but he does have a chapter that deals with nourishing your brain with a good quality vegetarian diet. He lists many different foods that are rich in amino acids, healthy fats, vitamins and minerals. His book shows how nutrition is paramount, and toxic insults from common pollutants must be avoided.

Additional Strategies to Strengthen Brain Power

Natural birth: There may be times when a C-section is necessary to save the mother or the baby, but C-sections triple the risk for attention-deficit (ADHD), doubles the risk for autism in the child, and dramatically increases the risk that your child will struggle with obesity, type 1 diabetes, and allergies. These are all inflammatory issues that are dramatically increased in children born via Caesarian section. Dr. Perlmutter describes a simple technique developed by researchers at Yale University, whereby an organic gauze sponge is placed in the birth canal before the mother who is going to have a C-section is given the IV antibiotics. The sponge is then removed, the antibiotics are given, and as soon as the baby is born, the sponge is placed over the baby's face, inoculating the child with its mother's bacteria. This could be a good adjunct any-time a Caesarian is required. Unfortunately, at present it's unlikely you'd be able to get your doctor to do it.

Breastfeeding: Aside from providing the most appropriate nutrients, breast feeding

also affects your child's microbiome via bacterial transfer from skin contact.

Antibiotics: When you change your microbiome, certain groups of bacteria tend to be favored, such as the Firmicutes group. When present in excess, Firmicutes increase your risk of obesity. Animal research shows that when you change the animals' microbiome using antibiotics, they gain weight. We also give antibiotics to cattle to make them fatter, faster. The same thing occurs in your body, which is why avoiding unnecessary antibiotics is so important. Disinfectant products like antibacterial soaps and hand gels also fall into this category and should be avoided as much as possible.

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Church to the following. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Mat 18:20.

It is a biblical principle that Christ can be found anywhere and any time by those who seek Him. No Church can monopolise our relationship with Jesus, and then offer Him on their terms. The very essence of the Gospel is individual responsibility and freedom of choice. Throughout history the main churches have tried to force their idea of a Church on all. They have said that there is no salvation outside their Church, and they eventually excommunicated all who clung to the Bible as their only authority.

Christ may be found in a church building, or he may be found at a Church by a river side as the Ethiopian eunuch did. "And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest... they went down into the water, and he baptized him." Acts 8:34-38.

The same experience happened on a Sabbath by a river near Philippi. "And on the Sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: **whose heart the Lord opened**, And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us..." Acts 16:13-15. Both the Ethiopian Eunuch and Lydia became part of God's Church. The unbelieving Jews, on the other hand, had the outward appearance of being a Church in everybody's eyes, but Christ the great discerner of hearts had already said "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." Matt 23:38.

"From the beginning, **faithful souls have constituted the church on earth**. In every age the Lord has had His watchmen, who have borne a faithful testimony to the generation in which they lived." Acts of the Apostles pg 11.

"God has a church. It is not the great cathedral, neither is it the national establishment, neither is it the various denominations; **it is the people who love God and keep His commandments...** Matthew 18:20. **Where Christ is even among the humble few, this is Christ's church, for the presence of the High and Holy One who inhabiteth eternity can alone constitute a church.**" Upward Look Pg 315.

The love of the world by the Church of God has caused Him to depart from their midst.

"I am filled with sadness when I think of our condition as a people. **The Lord has not closed heaven to us, but our own course of continual backsliding has separated us from God**. Pride, covetousness, and love of the world have lived in the heart without fear of banishment or condemnation. Grievous and presumptuous sins have dwelt among us. And

*yet the general opinion is that the church is flourishing and that peace and spiritual prosperity are in all her borders. **The church has turned back from following Christ her Leader and is steadily retreating toward Egypt**. Yet few are alarmed or astonished at their want of spiritual power. Doubt, and even disbelief of the testimonies of the Spirit of God, is leavening our churches everywhere. Satan would have it thus. Ministers who preach self instead of Christ would have it thus. The testimonies are unread and unappreciated. God has spoken to you. Light has been shining from His word and from the testimonies, and both have been slighted and disregarded. The result is apparent in the lack of purity and devotion and earnest faith among us. Let each put the question to his own heart: "How have we fallen into this state of spiritual feebleness and dissension? Have we not brought upon ourselves the frown of God because our actions do not correspond with our faith? Have we not been seeking the friendship and applause of the world rather than the presence of Christ and a deeper knowledge of His will?" 5T 217.*

Even Saul before his conversion thought he was in the church of God and prided himself in killing the uneducated ones who (in his opinion) were destroying the unity in the Church. He later lamented, "Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, **persecuting the church**; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless." Philippians 3:5-6.

Most Adventists today, like unconverted Saul, are clinging to an unbiblical hierarchical structure for their security and hope, when that structure is about to be swept away in the besom of destruction. Generally, they are not following God's message which will prepare a people to stand, when their mediator leaves the Most Holy apartment in the heavenly Sanctuary, just before the end of the world. In EW 71 & 1 T 466 we are shown that most SDAs were unprepared for this approaching crisis. They believe that like old Israel, God's promises are unconditional for them. Around 1890 Sister White had a confrontation with the Church leadership. They were selling the popular book Bible Readings for the Home Circle and making good money out of the sales. God, on the other hand, had shown Sister White that He firstly wanted the Great Controversy to be circulated worldwide. The Church leaders ignored this instruction. After repeated warnings, Sister White said if this disobedience continued then there would be a need for another calling out. (1888 Materials pg 658). Here we see that God was prepared to bypass the Church leadership and structure because of their wilful disobedience. This shows that God's unity is to be only founded on His truth.

Recently, under the instruction of the General Conference President, Ted Wilson, the Church published millions of copies of the booklet called 'The Great Hope'. This publication was an apology to the Papacy for our Three Angels' message. It is a watered down version of the Great Controversy. It is a part of the ongoing new system of intellectual philosophy which God is going to soon destroy. Most Adventists,

like the Jews of old, don't realise their great danger, and many are attacking the very ones who are trying to do the unpopular work of warning the Laodicean Church of their great danger.

At the Church's Global Leadership Summit in Lisbon, Portugal, on February the 6th 2018, President Ted Wilson made an appeal for church unity and biblical authority. The theme is a submission to an 'unerring' Church and it's leadership (TM 362). This destruction of the Church structure world-wide along with most of it's members, takes place in the little time of Trouble before the close of probation, (EW 83). Is this why Sister White wept over the coming Omega of Apostasy? Is this destruction the storm coming relentless in it's fury? (8T 315). God observed this Laodicean condition when He said, "**I will spue thee out of my mouth... and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.**" Revelation 3:16-17.

There are other inspired statements that show that the present Adventist Church corporation is going to be destroyed. The following statement shows that God will not protect us from our own wilful backsliding. "We are in danger of becoming a sister to fallen Babylon, of allowing our church to become corrupted, and filled with every foul spirit, a cage for every unclean and hateful bird." Letter 51 Sept. 6 1886. Because of this condition our Church is going to be brought down to hell.

"**And thou Capernaum [Seventh-day Adventists who have had great light] which are exalted unto heaven [in point of privilege], shall be brought down to hell.**" RH, Aug 1, 1893. When our Church structure is destroyed the present hierarchical leadership is destroyed.

"These dumb dogs that would not bark are the ones who feel the just vengeance of an offended God. Men, maidens, and little children all perish together." 5T 211. In 5T 76-81, we see after this destruction God raises up a new leadership from among the common people. Few Adventists realise that during this world-wide destruction the Church closes it's probation. "There are many with whom the spirit of God is striving. **The time of God's destructive judgments is the time of mercy for those who have had no opportunity to learn what is truth. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched; His hand is still stretched out to save, while the door is closed to those who would not enter.**" 9T97. Every earthly asset will be stripped from us. (DA 121). The Church will then witness in sackcloth (4T594). This is the true interpretation that the Church appears to fall, but it doesn't. (2SM380). It is after this destruction when the Church closes its probation, that the Latter rain brings forth the Loud Cry and then we who are alive and remain can say like Peter "...Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." Acts 3:6 ■

even when He clearly indicates that the water is meant to be understood spiritually, it is still misunderstood literally.

While Jesus has been having this conversation with the woman, His disciples went to the city to buy some food. They bring the food to Jesus and urge Him to eat it. They say, "Master, we know you're hungry, please have something to eat." Jesus replies, "... I have meat to eat that ye know not of." (Jn. 4:31,32). The disciples are confused. They begin to wonder if someone else had brought food for Jesus. But Jesus was speaking spiritually. He explains to them, "...My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." (Jn. 4:34).

Whilst the woman went back to the village to tell the people whom she had met, Jesus took the opportunity to continue teaching His disciples about spiritual reality by using the literal things at hand. In all probability there were fields of ripening grain around the well, and as was His normal custom, He used the concept of literally harvesting the grain to illustrate a spiritual truth:

Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. (Jn. 4:35). As Jesus was instructing the disciples about the spiritual harvest that is constantly ready to be harvested, He would have been looking at a literal crowd of people emerging from the city to meet Him. These people were hurrying to see Jesus at the urging of the woman. She was saying, "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?" (Jn. 4:29). As they approached, Jesus continued to talk about the harvest. He spoke about how some sow and others reap. After His death and resurrection, Phillip, Peter and John would come back to Samaria and reap what was sown that day, when Jesus met the woman at the well (see Acts 8:5-25).

THE FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND

Soon after the events at Jacob's well, we come (in John's gospel) to the feeding of the five thousand. Food was on everyone's mind. And the people wanted to make such a miraculous provider of food their king. But Jesus was not interested in ephemeral, literal, earthly glory He was interested in spiritual, heavenly realities. Using what was on the people's minds, He said to them: Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.. Jn. 6:27. Remaining with the theme of miraculously provided food – Jesus then goes back to the Old Testament incident of the miraculously provided manna. He wants the people to understand the spiritual connection between the miracle of feeding the five thousand in Galilee and the miracle of feeding the people in the desert. Jesus made the spiritual application very plain to them, when He said

to them twice, "I am the bread of life" (Jn. 6:35, 48). He also said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven" (Jn. 6:51).

Jesus elaborated on this subject extensively. He told the people that if they ate the bread and drank the drink that He provided they would never be hungry or thirst again (Jn. 6:35, 48-58). Jesus concluded His spiritual application of the bread by saying: Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me and I in him. Jn. 6: 53-56.

THE SPIRIT QUICKENETH

Sadly, it is recorded that when the people heard these words of Christ, they did not understand them. They understood them literally. They said to each other, "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" (Jn. 6:52). They understood the words, but not the meaning – they had ears but they could not "hear" – they could not distinguish the spiritual from the literal. Their reaction was, "This is a hard saying, who can hear it?" (Jn. 6:60). Jesus then revealed to them (and to us) why he spoke spiritually. He said: It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. (Jn. 6:63). With these words Jesus reveals why he spoke spiritually. He was speaking spiritually so that only those who were being led by the Holy Spirit would understand. It is the Holy Spirit that 'quickens' (gives life), to the words of Jesus (and to the Bible as a whole). This is why Jesus added that his words were 'spirit' and the words of 'life.' There is great power in his words (and all inspired Scripture). This is why God says that his word: "...shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isa. 55:11; cf. Heb. 4:12). Scripture tells us that it was through the spoken word that God created the heavens and the earth (see 2 Pet. 3:5). And God does the same with errant humanity. He recreates



us in the image of his Son – through the power of his word – but this can only happen to those who are led by the Holy Spirit – only to those who have "ears to hear."

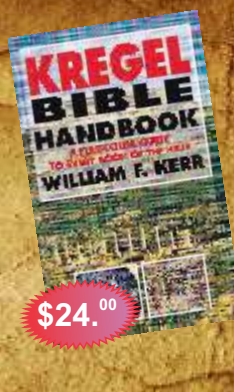
MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE

Soon after the "this is a hard saying" incident, Jesus made it 'plain' that only those who are led by the Holy Spirit will understand. The disciples were not the only ones who thought Jesus lacked communication skills. The Jews were of the same opinion. They came to him and demanded: "If thou be the Christ tell us plainly" (Jn. 10:24). Jesus refused to answer them plainly (literally). He answered them spiritually, he said: "Ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep... my sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me" (Jn. 10:26, 27). This is a beautiful metaphor of the relationship between the Lord and his people. Just as the sheep recognizes the shepherd's voice and will not follow another, so too, do Christ's people recognize his voice (his words) and understand them. They recognize the voice because spiritual things (the words of Jesus, and Scripture in general) have to be 'spiritually discerned' (see 1 Cor. 2:13, 14). In other words, in order to understand the spiritual words of the Spirit, one first needs to have the Spirit.

Therefore, the role of the Holy Spirit in the science of salvation cannot be overestimated and the role of the Holy Spirit cannot be ignored, denied or discounted. Without the Holy Spirit in our lives we will never understand Scripture, we will never understand the will of God, and we will never understand the Plan of Salvation or the Science of Salvation – "he will guide you into all truth" (Jn. 16:13). How important is the Holy Spirit? – "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the children of God" (Rom. 8:14) ■

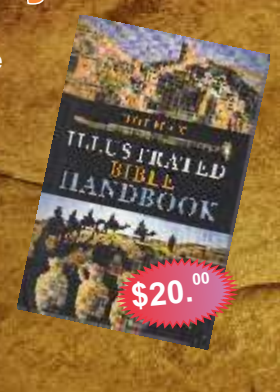
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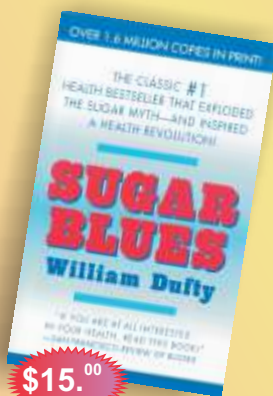


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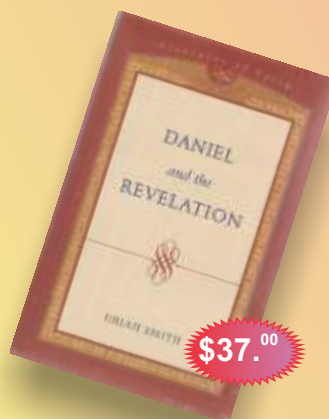
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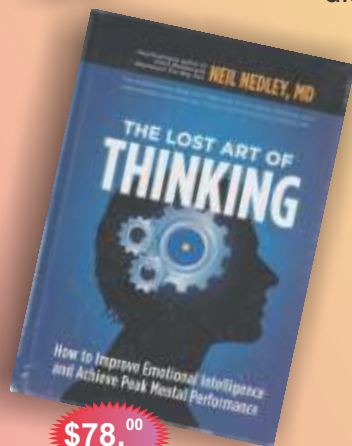
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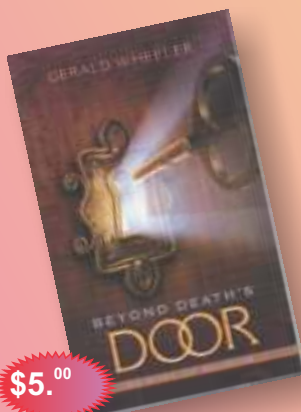
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Spain's new atheist Prime Minister spells trouble for the Church

When a new Socialist premier took office in Spain on June 2, the Catholic Church was careful to emphasise its readiness to co-operate. Yet within barely a week, as tensions emerged over Pedro Sánchez's policies, many Catholics were wondering whether the conflicts of past years were fated to return.

The 46-year-old economics professor was sworn in after an unprecedented censure motion over alleged corruption brought down the centre-right Mariano Rajoy. But with his Socialist Party, or PSOE, claiming just 84 places in the 350-seat Cortes, and relying on support from Catalan and Basque nationalists, Sánchez will have trouble fulfilling his promise to tackle the "pressing social needs" brought on by unemployment and economic hardship.

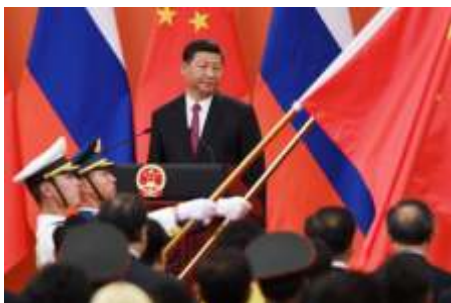
Sánchez broke with tradition by declining to have a Bible or crucifix present when taking his oath before King Felipe. Undeterred, the bishops' conference president, Cardinal Ricardo Blázquez, wished him God's help in upholding "unity, prosperity and social cohesion", and reiterated the Church's readiness to "collaborate sincerely"...

Meanwhile, the new foreign minister, Josep Borrell, plans to re-examine Spain's 1979 treaty with the Holy See. In his first interview, he declared that the government must "take the state's secularity seriously".

When the Guardia Civil moved in at the orders of a local Socialist mayor to demolish a memorial cross in Castellón on June 6, defying a petition by 13,000 Christians, many saw it as a sign of things to come.

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/commentandblogs/2018/06/13/spains-new-atheist-prime-minister-spells-trouble-for-the-church/>

Xi says China must lead way in reform of global governance



BEIJING (Reuters) - China must lead the way in reforming global governance, the foreign ministry on Saturday cited President Xi Jinping as saying, as Beijing looks to increase its world influence.

China has sought a greater say in global organizations such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and United

Nations, in line with its growing economic and diplomatic clout.

Since taking office in late 2012, Xi has taken a more muscular approach, setting up China's own global bodies like the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and launching his landmark Belt and Road project to build a new Silk Road.

Beijing has cast itself a responsible member of the international community, especially as President Donald Trump withdraws the United States from agreements on climate change and Iran, and as Europe wrestles with Brexit and other issues.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-diplomacy/xi-says-china-must-lead-way-in-reform-of-global-governance-idUSKBN1J0GT?il=0>

Stop Referring to Mother & Father

Canada's government says front-line employees may no longer use the terms 'mother and 'father' in official correspondence without asking first. They must use gender - neutral terms like 'parent when speaking to the public. This directive was published on March 21 by Radio Canada, the French- language agency of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation... This is the latest move by the Canadian government to elevate 'gender identity' above biological sex. Last February the Canadian Senate voted to make the country's national anthem gender-neutral by replacing the word 'sons' with the word us. Last August, the government began allowing Canadians to mark their gender as 'X' on passports so they would not be limited to 'male or female' options.

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Voices of millions of UK taxpayers stored

Big Brother Watch says HMRC's Voice ID system has collected 5.1 million audio signatures and accuses the department of creating "biometric ID cards by the back door".

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) says it is following up complaints about the service.

HMRC says the data is held securely.

It also emphasised that callers could choose not to use Voice ID.

The Voice ID scheme, which was launched last year, asks callers to repeat the phrase "my voice is my password" to register.

Once this task is complete, they can use the phrase to confirm their identity when managing their taxes.

HMRC says this process helps speed up security procedures and improves access to its digital services.

But Big Brother Watch said taxpayers were being "railroaded into a mass ID scheme", as they were not given the choice to opt out.

"These voice IDs could allow ordinary citizens to be identified by government agencies across other areas of their private lives," said Silkie Carlo, director of Big Brother Watch.

She also called on HMRC to "delete the five million voiceprints they've taken in this shady scheme".

In response, an HMRC spokesperson said the Voice ID system was "very popular with customers".

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Plant diets improves diabetes



WASHINGTON - Plant-based diets improve glycemic control, lead to weight loss, and improve cholesterol in people with type 2 diabetes, according to a new review published in the journal Clinical Nutrition.

Researchers reviewed nine randomized controlled trials that assessed the effectiveness of vegan and vegetarian diets for diabetes patients. The results show that those who ate a plant-based diet lowered their cholesterol, lost weight, lowered HbA1c levels, and improved other cardiometabolic risk factors when compared to those who ate a nonvegetarian diet.

The study authors suggest that plant-based diets, which center on fruits, vegetables, grains, and legumes, benefit both glycemic control and cardiovascular health, because they are low in saturated fat, rich in phytochemicals, high in fiber, and often rich in low-glycemic fruits and vegetables.

https://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2018-06/pcfr-pdi061818.php

Probiotics could cut age-related bone loss in elderly women

For the first time in the world, researchers at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, have demonstrated that probiotics, dietary supplements with health-promoting bacteria, can be used to affect the human skeleton. Among older women who received probiotics, bone loss was halved compared to women who received only a placebo. The research opens the door to a new way to prevent fractures among the elderly.

Brittleness of the bones, or osteoporosis, is characterized by porous and weak bones, which can cause them to break even when subjected to low loads, such as a fall from standing height... Today there are effective medications administered to treat osteoporosis, but because bone fragility is rarely detected before the first fracture, there is a pressing need for preventive treatments," says Mattias Lorentzon, who is a chief physician and professor of geriatrics at Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg.

This is the first time that researchers have shown that it is possible to cut age-related bone loss in elderly women in half if they receive health-promoting bacteria, known as probiotics. The study was conducted at Sahlgrenska University Hospital in Mölndal, Sweden, and its results of the study are now being published by the Journal of Internal Medicine. Ninety elderly women, 76 years old on average, ingested a powder that contained either health-promoting bacteria or a placebo every day for a whole year.

<https://www.news-medical.net/news/20180621/Probiotics-could-cut-age-related-bone-loss-in-elderly-women.aspx>

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November 2018 CAMP is booked

The CYC Ngaruawahia camp ground is booked for 2-4th November 2018

So far we have confirmed Rudy Harnisch as our US speaker and Kaye Sehm from Australia