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Seventh-day Adventist Laymen Upholding Historic Adventism



But of that day and hour knoweth no man... Matt 24:36

One morning at worship I decided to show how Jesus was God from the Jehovah's Witness [JW] Bible (New World Translation). We had just started our study when two smiling ladies knocked on our door and wondered whether we wanted an Awake! magazine. The next two hours went quickly. We first discussed the Second Coming of Christ. As usual, they claimed the presence of the Lord came in 1914. They assured us that 1914 was the only time prophecy that the Watchtower had made concerning this event. I took my nearly one hundred year old, seven-volume set of JW books called 'The Millennial Dawn' down from the shelf, and showed them a few embarrassing Watchtower predictions which never eventuated. This was news to them, and they listened with a visible discomfort. Following are some of the facts that were mentioned. We showed them that the early Jehovah's Witnesses taught Jesus' Second Coming occurred in 1874. *"Christ came in the character of a Bridegroom in 1874 .. at the beginning of the Gospel harvest."* Watchtower Oct 1879, pg 4. They taught this for forty years, then discarded it as false teaching. They then changed the date to 1914. They also claimed that Jesus started setting up his kingdom in 1878. *"And it was in 1878, then, that the process of setting up the kingdom began. There our Lord raised the sleeping saints from the tomb and joined them to himself..."* WT, June 1 1922, pg 174. The Watchtower also quietly discarded this date. In 1927, the Watchtower claimed that the dead spiritual Israelites had been raised to heaven in an invisible resurrection in 1918. They also taught that the wicked churches would be destroyed in 1918. *"Also, in the year 1918, when God destroys the churches wholesale and the church members by millions, it shall be that any that escape shall come to the works of Pastor Russell to learn the meaning of the downfall of 'Christianity.'"* The Finished Mystery, pg 485. Another Watchtower prediction that embarrassingly failed was supposed to happen in 1920. *"And the mountains were*

not found. Even the republics will disappear in the fall of 1920... Every kingdom of earth will pass away, be swallowed up in anarchy." TFM pg 258 [TFM 1926 ed. omits this].

The Watchtower also taught that the Kingdom of Palestine would be set up in 1915. They later changed this date to 1925. *"There is evidence that the establishment of the Kingdom in Palestine will probably be in 1925, ten years later than we once calculated."* TFM pg 128.

The Watchtower prophesied that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the worthies of Hebrews 11 would be resurrected and live on earth in the mansions the Watchtower had so generously provided, Beth-Sarim and the lesser-known Beth-Shan. *"We may confidently expect that 1925 will mark the return of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the faithful prophets of old."* Millions Now Living Will Never Die, Judge Rutherford, pg 89-90.

The title deeds stated that the Watchtower leaders would enjoy these buildings until the worthies returned. *"...Until such time as the aforementioned persons return and identify themselves to the legal representatives of the said WATCHTOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY and the consent of said Society take possession and control of said premises, the President of the WATCHTOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY shall have the right and be duty bounded to direct the management and use of said premises..."* JW Research Journal Vol. 4, No. 3, Summer 1997, pg 4. It is interesting to note that the then Watchtower President, Judge Rutherford, very conveniently lived in these mansions while he awaited the worthies' return to this earth. The reason why the worthies never returned to sunny Southern California to occupy "their" mansions so graciously provided by the Witnesses is simple; they were looking for a city whose builder and maker was God. (Hebrews 11:10.)

"The Watchtower, and its companion publications of the society, for forty years emphasized the fact that 1914 would witness the establishment of God's kingdom

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and the complete glorification of the [JW] church... When that time came and passed there was much disappointment, chagrin and mourning, and the lord's people were greatly in reproach. 'They were ridiculed by the clergy and their allies in particular, and pointed to with scorn, because they had said so much about 1914, and what would come to pass, and their prophecies had not been fulfilled.'" Light Book 1, pg 194. Here the Watchtower prophesied that God's Kingdom of peace would come in 1914. Sadly, the greatest war the world had ever seen broke out in the very year the Watchtower had predicted world peace. Freemason and founder of the Watchtower Society, Charles Taze Russell, believed, as did others, that there was a mystery-coded message in the secret chambers of the Great Giza pyramid in Egypt. They measured the chambers of this great pyramid, and deducted that an inch represents a year in time. They then concluded that the world would end in 1874. When this didn't happen, they added 40 inches (1 inch = 1 year) on to the pyramid measurements and moved the date for the end of the world forward 40 years to 1914. When 1914 also proved to be false, they discarded the entire pyramid theory, and kept it secret from JW's to this day. Embarrassingly for them, they could not find and burn all the thousands of their publications sold to the public containing this false pyramid theory. The genie was out of the bottle, and could not be put back in. With the failed pyramid prophecy, the JW's received much derision. Concerning the 40 inches that they added to the pyramid measurement, it was stated that "the silly Egyptians left the pyramids out in the sun and they shrank."

From the mid-sixties on, the Watchtower's enthusiasm reached fever-pitch again, as it predicted the end of the 6,000 years, and the enthroning of Christ in His kingdom in 1975. Some Jehovah's Witnesses sold their houses for one dollar in Phoenix, Arizona for they were certain that they would not be on planet earth the next day. Such is the tragedy of believing in Jehovah's Witnesses false prophecies. 'Infallible' Watchtower Society believes that Jesus came invisibly on many of the above dates. The incorrect translation of their New World Bible aids them in their error, for it states in 1 Peter 3:18 that Christ was raised "IN" the spirit, where the true Bible interprets the Greek correctly as "BY" the spirit. This Jehovah's Witness dishonesty supports their false premise that the invisible presence of Christ occurred at their ever-changing dates by allowing for a secret (in the spirit) resurrection and appearance. To obtain this absurd position, the Watchtower has had to ignore many clear Bible verses, such as "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me,

and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have." Luke 24:39. "Jesus answered and said unto them, 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." John 2:19-22. This very simply explains how Jesus said He would be raised in his body. The Watchtower says that Christ was not raised in His body. Who is right, the Watchtower or Christ?

Doubting Thomas said, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe... Then said he [Christ] to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God." John 20:25,27-28.

The most embarrassing question to ask a Watchtower devotee is: 'the tomb was found empty, so what happened to Christ's body?' The Jehovah's Witnesses will then say that Christ gave His body as a ransom to Jehovah when He got to heaven. God must have then taken and hidden it somewhere. We say that Mary saw Jesus after He was resurrected in His body. They answer, "That was before Christ's ascension." The same answer is given by JW's when questioned about Christ's body that Thomas handled. I have mentioned to Jehovah's Witnesses that Saul met Christ on the road to Damascus, and that was after the ascension. They answer that Saul only saw a light and heard a voice. "...Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures: And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was SEEN of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was SEEN of above five hundred brethren... After that, he was SEEN of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was SEEN of me also, as of one born out of due time." 1 Corinthians 15:3-8. We then tell them that the Bible says Saul "SAW" Christ in the resurrected body (verse 4), after the ascension of Acts 1:11.

The Bible states that Christ was raised in the same body he had before the crucifixion. "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God..." 1 Cor 15:14-15.

The followers of the Watchtower are not Jehovah's Witnesses, but Watchtower witnesses, for they wrestle the Scriptures to their own destruction (see 1 Peter 3:16). The Bible that the Watchtower professes to follow clearly states that Christ is coming visibly a second time. We will meet the Lord in the air, because the elements will melt down with fervent heat. The wicked shall be struck dead by the brightness of his coming. The devil is bound for a thousand years by circum-

stances, and the saints live and reign with Christ for a thousand years. The Watchtower Society has so distorted the Scriptures relating to Christ's Second Coming that they will, along with the deceived Christian world, receive the devil as their Saviour when he comes as Christ to set up his 'thousand year' kingdom on earth. The Watchtower Journal, February 1, 1992, warned readers on the front page to "Beware of False Prophets!" The Bible states that Jehovah will judge us out of our own mouths. Out of their Jehovah Witness Bible they are also condemned by the dozens of false prophecies that have flowed from the Watchtower walls over the last 140 years.

"How shall we know the word that Jehovah has not spoken? When the prophet speaks in the name of Jehovah and the word does not occur or come true, that is the word that Jehovah did not speak. With presumptuousness the prophet spoke it." Deuteronomy 18:20-22 (NWT).

If their energy and enthusiasm could be directed to the Bible truth rather than ever-changing Watchtower error, they would certainly prove to be great witnesses for the true Jehovah God and not the author of all confusion.

Russell deviated from Bible truth, and took the road of confusion, which would be followed by millions of his devotees around the world. He rejected the clear Biblical instruction of Christ concerning His coming, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." Matthew 24:36. If Russell had read that verse alone with a teachable spirit, then there would have been no false and confusing predictions in 1874, 1878, 1914, 1915, 1918, 1920, 1925 or 1975. The Watchtower Society has quietly retracted each of the false prophecies, claiming they now have "new light". Jehovah doesn't retract any truth that He gives out, and new light will always be in harmony with previously given truths in the Word of God. "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void..." Isaiah 55:11.

The Watchtower has been 100% consistent; that is, 100% of all their time-prediction have proved false. Despite these embarrassing anomalies, they still claim to be God's only channel of truth to a deceived world. All Jehovah's Witnesses, on the pain of being disfellowshipped, must obey the 'infallible' Watchtower leadership without question, or their eternal lives could be in jeopardy. Unfortunately, the JW mindset is such that when they are mocked for their many failed predictions, they think they are suffering persecution for loyalty to Jehovah. The Jehovah's Witness laity would not be deceived by their leadership, if they followed the command of Jehovah in Acts 17:11, which instructs all to examine the Scriptures for themselves to make sure

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The Christless Religion

Late Elder
Ralph Larson

I wish you could have seen it. The way those heads swivelled around toward me, and the way the wide-open eyes stared at me, was a moment worth remembering! It happened in a classroom at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. After twenty years in the ministry, I had returned to work toward my doctoral degree. Thus, I was that much older than most of my classmates, who had just finished college. As I went from class to class, I was first astonished and then displeased by the frequency with which I heard these young, inexperienced ministerial students make uncomplimentary references to 'those old Adventist legalists out there in the churches.' There came a day when I had had enough. I raised my hand, and when the professor recognized me I said, "I would just like to say that I have been ministering to the Seventh-day Adventist people for twenty years, and I have never yet met a legalist among them." I was, of course, familiar with the term legalist. I had seen and heard it, countless times, hurled at our people by the enemies of our faith. Their reasoning was as simple as it was senseless. Anyone who observed the seventh-day Sabbath was a legalist. Never mind that Jesus was a Sabbathkeeper, as were the apostles and the New Testament Christians. Never mind that the Old Testament prophets and all of God's sincere people of that time were Sabbathkeepers. They said things were somehow different now. In our time, one could, and should, faithfully observe all of the Ten Commandments - except the Sabbath commandment. To observe the fourth commandment was to be a cursed legalist, an offense to God. I had seen much of this strange reasoning, and wandered if some of my classmates had been deceived by it.

I gradually learned that theirs was a greater problem. They were taking a dim view of obedience to any, and all of the Ten Commandments. They were uncomfortable with the very word obedience, or with any preaching about God's law. 'Just love the Lord and let it all hang out.' That was their credo. To exalt God's Ten Commandments, or any other of His requirements, was legalism. We must face the fact that this attitude is widespread in the church today. The scornful, disparaging term legalist is being thrown around by people, and even ministers, who, I am

convinced, have no idea what it means.

Inspired Definitions

So, let us go to the inspired writings for some definitions— beginning with The Desire of Ages, 280: "A legal religion can never lead souls to Christ; for it is a loveless, Christless religion."

Do not pass by this definition too quickly. What does it really mean? Just what part does Christ play in the experience of a true Christian?

The true Christian looks to Christ for strength and power to do His will, and for grace and forgiveness for his shortcomings and mistakes. His is by no means a Christless religion. Christ is the centre of his being. He can say with the Apostle Paul: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20.

The opposite of this experience would be the Christless religion - that of a person who looks at God's law and decides that it is all that he needs. He thinks that he can readily keep the law in his own strength. He may even think that he has always kept the law, like the rich young ruler who said to Christ, "All these things have I kept from my youth up." Matthew 19:20. Such a person feels no need of Christ for either strength or forgiveness. Such a person is hopelessly out of touch with reality. He fails to recognize the enormous difference between God's righteousness and the righteousness of any human being, even the most saintly. He needs to give heed to some more inspired definitions: "Priests and rulers . . . were satisfied with a legal religion. . . . They thought their own righteousness all-sufficient." The Acts of the Apostles, 15.

"They entertain ideas that men may be saved by their own merit. A false religion has come in among us, a legal religion." Manuscript Releases, vol. 11, 230.

"He who is trying to reach heaven by his own works in keeping the law is attempting an impossibility. There is no safety for one who has merely a legal religion, a form of godliness." Desire of Ages, 172 "Repentance for sin alone cannot work the salvation of any soul. Man cannot be saved by his own works. Without Christ it is impossible for him to render perfect



obedience to the law of God; and heaven can never be gained by an imperfect obedience; for this would place all heaven in jeopardy, and make possible a second rebellion." Signs of the Times, December 30, 1889.

"The Lord is not pleased to have man trusting in his own ability or good deeds or in a legal religion, but in God, the living God." The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials, 375.

"Our own works can never purchase salvation." The Desire of Ages, 280.

More could be added, but surely this is enough to establish the basic facts: A legal religion is a religion in which there is no Christ. A legalist is a person who practices this Christless religion, thinking that he needs neither forgiveness from Christ nor the enabling power of Christ. He fails to recognize that his performance would have to be absolutely lawless from birth to death in order to have any weight in the scales of heaven; The utter impossibility of this has been plainly pointed out by God's messenger.

And I would say again, as I said to the class at the Theological Seminary, I have never met a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church who could be so described. Not one of my Adventist acquaintances would claim to hold any concept at all of going to the kingdom of God on his own—with no help from Jesus Christ.

"As Filthy Rags"

The Bible, of course, provides many examples of persons who were in this tragic condition, trying to work their way to heaven by their own righteousness. Isaiah said of them in his day: "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." Isaiah 64:6.

The Jewish leaders of Christ's day had this legal, Christless religion, trying to



earn their way to heaven by their works. They were fully confident that they could do it. They felt no need of either Christ or His righteousness. The apostle Paul was much like them until he was confronted by Christ on the road to Damascus. Their ‘righteousnesses’ were indeed like filthy rags, as Isaiah had said.

Some people find this a little hard to take. They accept the fact that their sins are as filthy rags, but surely not their righteousnesses. What about their kindness to their neighbours, their sincere and fervent prayers, their selfless devotion to service to God? Are these all filthy rags?

Yes, by comparison. By comparison with what? Let God’s messenger answer: *“They had been trusting in their own righteousness. Now they saw it as filthy rags, in comparison with the righteousness of Christ, which is alone acceptable to God.”* The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials, 268.

Stop and think for a moment. Are we ready to say that our experience or performance, on any point, is equal to that of Christ? Consider, for example, our spirit of forgiveness. How would it compare with that of Christ, who actually prayed for the Father to forgive those who were nailing Him to His cross? We have to recognize that this is so far above and beyond anything we, of ourselves, can do that there is really no comparison. Yet, we must have this spirit of forgiveness in order to qualify for a place in the kingdom of God. The same would apply to any other aspect of our Christian experience. Our righteousness must be equal to the righteousness of Christ. That is the only righteousness that God will accept. How can we ever hope to have such righteousness?

The Way of Obedience

Do not despair. There is a way, but only one way. We can receive it as a free gift from Jesus Christ when we accept Him and obey Him. Put these two scriptures together:

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.” Acts 16:31.

“He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.” Hebrews 5:9. The word ‘obey’ as in the above scripture is an offense to many of the Christians of our time. They bristle and cry, ‘Legalism’ at any mention of the principle of obedience, or of the law of God. To such persons even our efforts to strengthen our faith are considered to be an element of legalism. Consider these words by theologian Neal Punt in his book, *Unconditional Good News*, 137: *“As paradoxical as it may seem, imper-*

fect faith is evidence of our union with Jesus Christ.”

Imperfect faith goes with imperfect conduct. This is very close to saying that some sin in our lives is evidence of our union with Christ. There can be great confusion on this point. I have in my possession a paper written by a Seventh-day Adventist theologian in which he argues that Christians sin because God wants them to sin. According to him, God is too wise to let Christians have complete victory over sin. He and his followers would, of course, denounce any effort to be victorious over sin as legalism.

We cannot deny that the strange reasoning of these sin-loving ‘Christians’ is creeping into our church. That is why some members and even some ministers do not hesitate to hurl the epithet ‘legalist’ at those of us who still believe in the principle of obedience as expressed by Jesus in the words, *“If ye love me, keep my commandments”* (Jn 14:15), and echoed by the apostle John: *“This is the love of God, that we keep his Law: and his commandments are not grievous”* (1 Jn 5:3).

An Attitude Problem

Those ministers and church members who are so quick to hurl the epithet ‘legalist’ at those of us who still believe in the principle of obedience are making clear their ignorance of an important truth, that legalism is not an action; it is an attitude. The same identical action can be either legalistic or an act of true faith and obedience, depending on the attitude of the heart. Paul makes this clear in what he calls ‘an allegory’ of Hagar and Sarah in the fourth chapter of Galatians. He refers to the birth of Ishmael to Hagar, and of Isaac to Sarah, and describes the first experience (of Hagar) as legalism and the second (of Sarah) as faith.

But we must delicately and chastely ask, Was the action of Abraham that resulted in the birth of Ishmael any different than the action of Abraham that resulted in the birth of Isaac? —Of course not. His action was identical in both cases. Why then, was one legalism and the other faith? Because of the different attitudes in Abraham’s heart. In the case of Hagar, Abraham was relying on his own ability. There was no faith needed or exercised. In the case of Sarah, he was relying on the promise of God, knowing full well that what he was attempting was impossible in human ability. Thus, Paul makes it clear that legalism is not an action; it is an attitude of the heart.

This leads to a very important question: what human being is able to read the at-



titudes of the heart? — Obviously none. Only God can read the heart. So, who is qualified to judge legalism? — Obviously, only God.

Let us not overlook, however, an aspect of legalism that is even more deceptive than the self-sufficient attitude of the Pharisee. Consider the person who openly acknowledges his need of Christ’s righteousness, yet he is drawn away by the temptations and pressures of this world. He does not make it his first priority to obtain and maintain a living connection with Christ, and thus, he fails to truly live by faith. We are clearly warned of this attitude of neglect:

“The spirit of bondage is engendered by seeking to live in accordance with legal religion, through striving to fulfil the claims of the law in our own strength. There is hope for us only as we come under the Abrahamic covenant, which is the covenant of grace by faith in Christ Jesus.” The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, vol. 6, 1077.

To Be Spiritually Wise

“Those who have not a daily experience in the things of God will not move wisely. They may have a legal religion, a form of godliness, there may be an appearance of light in the church; all the machinery — much of it human invention — may appear to be working well, and yet the church may be as destitute of the grace of God as were the hills of Gilboa of dew and rain.” Review and Herald, January 31, 1893; see also Testimonies, vol. 6, 417-418. *“Ministers preaching present truth will assent to the necessity of the influence of the Spirit of God in the conviction of sin and the conversion of souls, and this influence must attend the preaching of the Word, but they do not feel its importance sufficiently to have a deep and practical knowledge of the same. The scantiness of the grace and power of the divine influence of the truth upon their own hearts prevents them from discerning spiritual things and from presenting its positive necessity upon the church. So they go crippling along,*

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Hope's Health Guests



Tipene is getting a great blessing from the health program



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Some of the Hope Team at Work



Jodi is a part of the garden committee



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Atonio and Tom setting up a jig for welding

The Blessings Brought Forth From The Lord



God has called His people to experience country living, this is a preparation for the trials ahead. He has promised that He will bless our poor human efforts. His blessings for each of us as we work in faith.

Vitamin C Cuts COVID Deaths by Two-Thirds

The world's first randomised placebo controlled trial, using high dose intravenous vitamin C has reduced mortality in the most critically ill COVID-19 patients by two thirds. The study, currently going through peer-review, will shortly be published in the journal Pulmonology. Headed by Professor Zhiyong Peng at Wuhan's Zhongnan University Hospital, the trial started in February and gave every other critically ill covid patient on ventilators either 12 grams of vitamin C twice daily, or sterile water in their drip. Neither the patient nor the doctors knew who was getting vitamin C or placebo, so the trial was 'double blind'. This is the gold standard of research design.

Vitamin C Double The Benefit

Overall, 5 out of 26 people (19%) died in the vitamin C group, while 10 out of 28 (36%) receiving the placebo died. That means that vitamin C almost halved deaths. Those on vitamin C were 60% more likely to survive. These results did not reach statistical significance due to the small numbers of people involved, however, the results were even striking, and statistically significant, in the most critically ill patients.

The key measure of the severity of symptoms is called the SOFA oxygenation index - meaning Sequential Organ Failure Assessment. Those with a SOFA score greater than 3 are the most critically ill, at greatest risk of dying. Of those most critically ill, 4 people (18%) in the vitamin C group died, compared to 10 (50%) in the placebo group. That's two-thirds fewer deaths. Statistically, this meant that of those most critically ill who were given vitamin C, they were 80% less likely to die.

This result, backed up with a clear reduction in inflammatory markers in the blood, was statistically significant - beyond doubt. This level of benefit is much greater than the benefit seen in the randomised controlled trial on

Dexamethasone, the anti-inflammatory steroid drug that hit the headlines as the 'only proven treatment' for Covid - 19. (2) In this drug trial, 23% of patients on the steroid drug died, compared to 26% on the placebo. However, there were over 6,000 people in the trial so the results were statistically significant.

Vitamin C

But now there is another proven remedy - vitamin C. The Wuhan trial needed 140 patients to be sufficiently 'powered' for the statistics but they ran out of COVID cases during March, a month after 50 tons of vitamin C, which is 50 million one gram doses, was shipped into Wuhan and given to hospitalised patients and also hospital workers. New admissions into Intensive Care Units (ICUs) plummeted. Professor Peng ended up with a third as many as the trial was designed to include. But, even though the resulting overall statistic showing almost half as many deaths was not significant, the results from the SOFA oxygenation score and other markers were significant.

These results are especially important when case reports in American ICUs using 12,000 mg of vitamin C show almost no deaths in anyone without a pre-existing, end-stage disease already, and also over 85 years of age. A UK ICU using 2,000 mg of vitamin C has reported the lowest mortality of all the ICUs in the UK, cutting deaths by a quarter. (4)

Best Results

The best results are being reported in ICUs using vitamin C, steroids and anti-coagulant drugs combined, which has been standard treatment protocol in China since the month of April. China's mortality rate from covid is only 3 persons per million compared to that of the UK which is 624 per million, according to a report of the Worldometer data. (5) As you can see these are very good results.



By Patrick Holford

ICUs are reporting scurvy levels of vitamin C in their non-survivors

On top of this, reports are coming in from ICUs who are testing vitamin C levels in the blood of their patients. The majority of their critically ill patients are vitamin C deficient, many with undetectable levels of vitamin C, that would diagnose scurvy. One ICU in Barcelona found 17 out of 18 patients had 'undetectable' vitamin C levels, akin to those found in scurvy. Another ICU in the US, found almost all their patients were vitamin C deficient, but those who didn't survive had much lower levels than those who did. (3)

Remember Scurvy On The Old Sailing Ships



Scurvy killed two million sailors around the world between 1500 and 1800. In 1747 James Lind worked out the cure - vitamin C in limes, but it took fifty years before the Navy took it seriously. So dramatic was the life-saving effect that sailors became known as 'limeys'.

Will the same thing happen with Covid-19? With over a million deaths worldwide and the potential of vitamin C to more than halve the death

toll, every day our governments, digital ringmasters and doctors fail to take vitamin C seriously, is another day of unnecessary deaths due to ignoring the evidence. This is not fake news.

Immune System Reaction

It's not the coronavirus that kills people with covid – it's the immune system over-reacting against dead virus particles, usually once the viral infection is over. This over-reaction triggers a 'cytokine storm,' which is like an inflammatory fire out of control. That's when very high doses of both steroids and vitamin C are needed. Normally, the adrenal glands, which have a hundred times more vitamin C in them than any other organ, release both the body's most powerful steroid hormone, Cortisol, as well as vitamin C when in a state of emergency. Cortisol has been nicknamed 'the stress hormone' as it is released in higher levels during the body's flight or fight response to stress. The steroid helps the vitamin C get inside cells and calm down the fire. Vitamin C is both anti-inflammatory and antioxidant. Antioxidants are substances that protect cells within the body from damage caused by free radicals. They help to strengthen the body's ability to fight infection... , mopping up the 'oxidant' fumes of the cytokine storm. Without vitamin C, the steroid hormone cortisol, can't work so well. That's why you need both extra vitamin C and steroids to get a patient out of the danger zone.

But even better is to prevent a person ever getting into this critical phase of

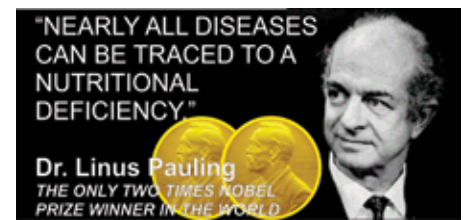
covid-19. That's why early intervention, taking 1 gram of vitamin C an hour upon first signs of infection, is likely to save even more lives. This reduces duration and severity of symptoms with most people becoming symptom-free within 24 hours. It takes, on average, two weeks of being sick with covid-19 to trigger the 'cytokine storm' phase. If you can beat the infection within 48 hours you'll be out of the woods. You can lower your risk even further by taking vitamin D (5000 IU/d. or more: 20,000 IU/d for several days if you already have symptoms). (7-11) Prevention is better than cure.

Those Most At Risk Have Low Levels of Vitamin C and Vitamin D

Those most at risk start with very low levels of vitamin C and D. The Swiss Nutrition Society, which advises the Government, recognise this and are recommending all citizens supplement vitamin C and D to 'strengthen the immune system'. They recommend all take supplements of 200mg of vitamin C and 2,000iu of vitamin D, 'because this dose has demonstrated to reduce the risk of respiratory tract infections.' The Vitamin D helps maintain strong and healthy bones by retaining calcium. Some of the deficiency signs are joint pain or stiffness, backache, tooth decay, muscle cramps, and hair loss. The vitamin C dose is too low but it does guarantee no-one will succumb to infection in a state of vitamin C deficiency, which can only make outcomes worse This expert report, produced for the Swiss

government by the Swiss Society of Nutrition, is shown on the website as being available since June 2021. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2405457721001145>

Nobel Prize winner Dr Linus Pauling and Vitamin C



Much like the Lind's limes, twice Nobel Prize winner Dr Linus Pauling proved the power of high doses of vitamin C in the 1970s. (12-18) Thanks to him we know about the benefits of high dose vitamin C. The cover of his landmark book Vitamin C and the Common Cold has a statement that reads, In relation to a predicated swine flu epidemic at that time "it is especially important that everyone know that he can protect himself to a considerable extent against the disease, and its consequences, with this important nutrient, vitamin C." (19) It has been 50 years since Pauling proved the anti-viral power of vitamin C. Isn't it time we took this seriously? ■

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Reference Source: <http://www.orthomolecular.org/resources/omns/v16n50.shtml> <https://www.patrickholford.com/topic/vitamin-c-4-covid/>



Vitamin C

Vitamin C (ascorbic acid) is a nutrient your body needs to form blood vessels, cartilage, muscle and collagen in bones. Vitamin C is also vital to your body's healing process.

Vitamin C is an antioxidant that helps protect your cells against the effects of free radicals — molecules produced when your body breaks down food or is exposed to tobacco smoke and radiation from the sun, X-rays or other sources.

Because your body doesn't produce vitamin C, you need to get it from your diet. Vitamin C is found in citrus fruits, berries, potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, cabbage, brussels sprouts, broccoli and spinach. Vitamin C is also available in various forms of supplementation.

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that what the leaders are telling them is biblical. JW's who follow Jehovah's instructions and read the Bible for themselves are considered by the Watchtower leadership to have a 'haughty spirit'. If the Watchtower Society's God has indeed given all these incorrect dates to confuse people around the world, then their God is not the Jehovah of the Bible. "For God is not the author of confusion..." 1 Corinthians 14:33. There is a concerted effort today by the Watchtower leadership to hide these

embarrassing failures from the ordinary people. We hope honest JW's will one day realise that their leadership has been directing them to spread error all over the world. The Bible says that no man knoweth the day or hour but we are told the season. (Matt 24:3, 33&36). The signs of the times show that Jesus is soon to visibly return a second time at the end of the world and take His faithful ones to heaven who love Him and keep His Commandments. (John 14:15.) For years the Watchtower has been claiming that Jesus had or would come invisibly. Their own Bible, however, exposes

their error. It states that when Christ comes, it is with a great shout and trumpet, that wakes the dead. "Because the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a commanding call, with an archangel's voice and with God's trumpet, and those who are dead in union with Christ will rise first. Afterward we the living who are surviving will, together with them, be caught away in clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and thus we shall always be with the Lord." 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, The New World Translation. "We ought to obey God rather than man." Acts 5:29. ■

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dwarfed in religious growth, because they have in their ministry a legal religion. The power of the grace of God is not felt to be a living, effectual necessity, an abiding principle." SM, book 3, 189. What is God looking for? "God has given us the rule of conduct which every one of His servants must follow. It is obedience to His law, not merely a legal obedience, but an obedience which enters into the life, and is exemplified in the character." The Desire of Ages, 523.

No Safety In Merely Legal Religion

"There is no safety for any soul who has merely a legal religion, a form of godliness, a round of ceremonial exactions. To attend services on the Sabbath, to pray occasionally or regularly, makes no one a Christian. The important thing is to become united to Christ, to believe in Christ as a personal Saviour, to live by faith in the Son of God." Signs of the Times, September 26, 1892. Therefore, let us give heed to the counsel of God's messenger: "Both Old and New Testament Scriptures teach the principle of obedience to the commandments of God as the terms of securing that life which measures with the life of God; for

it is through obedience that we become partakers of the divine nature, and learn to escape the corruptions that are in the world through lust. Therefore its maxims are to be studied, its commands obeyed, its principles, which are more precious than gold, brought into the daily life." Loma Linda Messages, 257.

Why Do Christians Need the Law?

Some will ask, 'Why do Christians need the law? Why isn't it good enough to just love the Lord and let it all hang out?' The answer is simple and clear. It is because of our fallen human nature. It was not always so. Before sin entered the picture, and the fall of man occurred, such details of law as we have in the Ten Commandments were not needed. It was not necessary to explain to an unfallen angel that if you loved your neighbour you would not steal from him, or lie to him, or covet his goods, and so on. Unfallen beings needed no such instruction. The principle of love was enough for them. Ellen White writes: "But in heaven, service is not rendered in the spirit of legality. When Satan rebelled against the law of Jehovah, the thought that there was a law came to the angels almost as an awakening to something unthought of. In their ministry the angels are not as servants,

but as sons. . . . Obedience is to them no drudgery. Love for God makes their service a joy. So in every soul wherein Christ—the hope of glory—dwells, His words are re-echoed, 'I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart,' Psalm 40:8." Maranatha, 79.

Final Comments

A final comment on the great confusion that fills the minds of the modern 'Christians' who define obedience to God's law as 'legalism,' and the misguided Seventh-day Adventists who are following them: They are grossly contradicting and violating what their own churches profess.

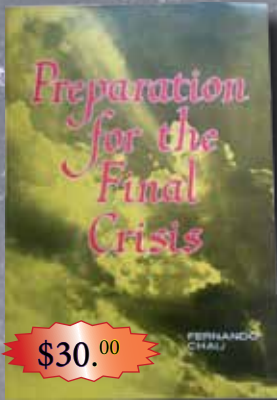
Francis D. Nichol, in his well-known book Reasons For Our Faith, has a chapter entitled 'The Law of God in Church Creeds.' Here he presents portions of seventeen major church creeds, all of which strongly affirm the principle of obedience to God's law as the duty of faith for all Christians. Six of them contain a clear declaration that this principle is not contrary to the grace of the gospel but complies with that grace. So let us not be disturbed by those who recklessly throw around the word "legalist," and let us take our stand with Jesus who said: "Thy law is within my heart." Ps 40:8. ■

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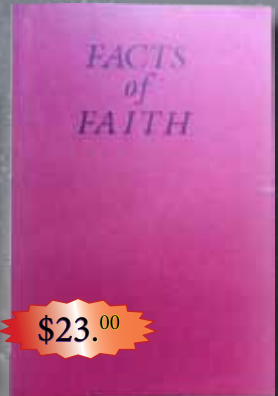
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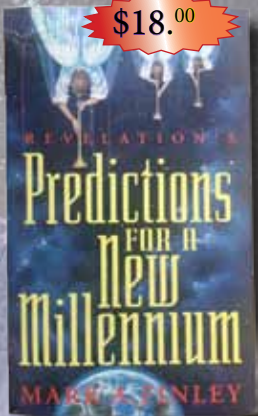
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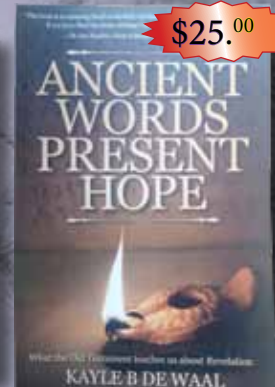
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Vatican Renews 'DEAL With The DEVIL'



VATICAN CITY

(ChurchMilitant.com) Despite fierce global opposition, Rome has renewed its controversial concordat with China, claiming that the deal has done away with “illegitimate bishops” and resulted in securing the “communion of all Chinese bishops with the pope.”

“The two parties have agreed to extend the experimental implementation phase of the provisional agreement for another two years,” a Vatican Press Office stated. “The Holy See considers the initial application of the agreement — which is of great ecclesial and pastoral value — to have been positive, thanks to good communication and cooperation between the parties on the matters agreed upon.” A Vatican Press Office statement announced...

Damian Thompson, associate editor of Britain's *The Spectator*, told *Church Militant* that “the Vatican under Pope Francis has essentially done a deal with the Devil, betraying faithful and suffering Catholics and other Christians into the hands of their totalitarian persecutors.”

www.churchmilitant.com/news/article/rome-renews-china-deal-no-more-illegitimate-bishops

FED Refuses to Release 60 Pages of Correspondence on COVID Trades Scandal

In response to a Reuters Freedom of Information Act, the FED said that there are about 60 pages of correspondence between its ethics officials and policymakers regarding financial transactions conducted during the pandemic year 2020 which have become an extremely sore spot for the FED, with members of Congress demanding full transparency as to who knew and did what, when. The only problem: nobody is allowed to see them, as the FED “denied in full” to release the documents, citing exemptions under the information act that it said applied in this case. Exemptions traditionally involve

matters of national security, so how exactly alleged insider trading by a bunch of millionaires threatens “US Democracy” is something we would love to understand. The disclosure of trading by two regional reserve bank presidents during the pandemic led them to resign last fall, and prompted FED chair Jerome Powell to overhaul FED ethics rules and request the central bank's inspector general to investigate.

<https://www.infowars.com/posts/fed-refuses-to-release-60-pages-of-correspondence-on-covid-trades-scandal/>

Biden and Putin Both Say They Don't Want War, But They're Inching Closer Anyway

The United States and Russia claim to have no interest in fighting a war over Ukraine, yet the two nations have spent the past several weeks building up military forces and inching them closer together on the European continent.

The most recent move came Wednesday when the U.S. announced it was deploying 3,000 troops to eastern Europe to demonstrate solidarity with North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies confronting a possible Russian ground invasion of neighboring Ukraine. For several months, Moscow has sent troops, tanks and artillery units to encircle Ukraine in a show of force not seen since the Cold War.” <https://time.com/6144370/us-troops-deployed-ukraine/>

CIA has a secret surveillance program called 'Deep Dive.' Its been collecting Americans' personal information for YEARS without congressional approval

According to a newly declassified letter released by a pair of Democratic senators late Thursday night.

Sens. Ron Wyden of Oregon and Martin Heinrich of New Mexico are branding the collection ‘warrantless backdoor searches.’ They sent a letter to top intelligence officials calling for more details about the program to be declassified and demanded immediate action.

The program is ‘entirely outside the statutory framework that Congress and the public believe govern this collection, and



without any of the judicial, congressional or even executive branch oversight that comes from [Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act] collection,’ the senators wrote.

The CIA also released parts of the still-classified programs ‘Deep Dive I and Deep Dive II’, which are believed to be massive data repositories – but in heavily redacted material.

The senators invoked Congress’ ‘clear intent, expressed over many years and through multiple pieces of legislation, to limit and, in some case, prohibit the warrantless collection of Americans’ records, as well as the public’s intense interest in a support for these legislative efforts. And yet, throughout this period, the CIA has secretly conducted its own bulk program’ – with the next piece of text in their letter blacked out.. <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10500779/Senators-CIA-secret-program-collects-American-data.html>

Call to report bottled water quality results on labels

Bottled water is often perceived as clean and free of contaminants compared to tap water, but University of Otago researchers believe water quality results need to be printed on the label.

Dr Tim Chambers, of the Department of Public Health, Wellington, argues, amidst growing health concerns associated with nitrate contamination, increased reporting of water quality is required.

“There is growing epidemiological evidence linking nitrate contamination to adverse health outcomes including adverse birth outcomes and several cancers. Health concerns may drive consumers towards bottled water, however, nitrate levels in bottled water are not readily available,” he says.

Along with colleagues from Otago and Victoria University of Wellington, Dr Chambers analysed the nitrate levels in samples from 10 popular still water brands. The study, published in the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health*, found all brands had low nitrate levels... This information is not only important now but will potentially be more important in coming years. www.otago.ac.nz/public-health-research/news/otago836650.html

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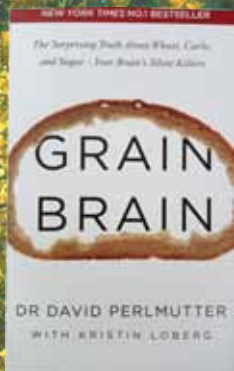
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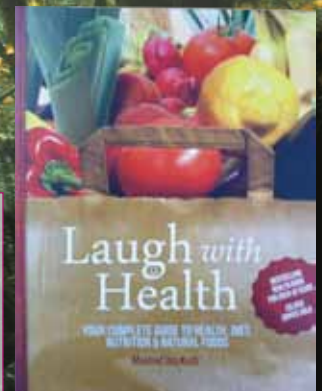
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