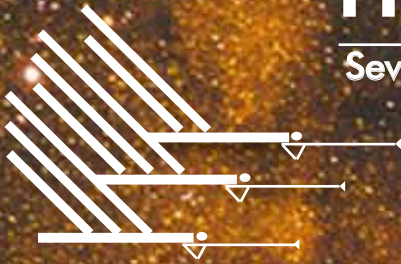


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## Choose Ye This Day Whom You Will Serve Joshua 24:15

Ever since our first parents chose to sin in the Garden of Eden, God's plan of Salvation was always conditional upon the choice of obedience. *"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."* Isaiah 1:19, 20. The Bible shows that God would not force His creatures to be obedient. Those who understand prophecy know that the second beast of Revelation 13 is going to speak as a dragon and exercise all the power of the first beast before it. This means that John 16:1-3 is to be literally fulfilled again in our time.

*"These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me."* John 16:1-3.

In order for this persecution to take place again, the Church and the State must unite, in order to force their false doctrines on those who chose to remain loyal to God. This was the case in the Dark Ages, when Church and State united for 1260 years, and it will again be the case before the end of the world. As God's people, we are to understand the principles of extending religious liberty to all. We are to teach and preach the gospel.

*"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."* Matthew 28:19, 20.

Here we see that people were to hear the gospel and then make a choice to accept or reject it. They would then be answerable to God alone on the great day of Judgment for their choice. Also, those who play a part in persecuting the remnant of God in the end times of earth's history will be party to the unifying of Church and State. They will believe they are doing God service, but on the Judgment Day, when asked to give an answer from the Scriptures for their religious

intolerance, they will be speechless, for the Bible gives no instruction for them to kill those who will not bow their knee to them. *"But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also... But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?"* Matthew 5:39, 44-47.

*"Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn."* Matthew 13:24-30.

In this passage, the disciples were eager to root out and persecute those who did not agree with them. However, Jesus told them that was God's job on the last day, and not theirs, or lost humanity. It can be read into this parable that man does not have the ability to judge the mind and motives of others. Caesar (secular governments) can judge the outward actions of a man towards his fellows, but he cannot judge man's mind. There could be identi-

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cal twins, and Caesar could see that they were both law-abiding citizens. Only God can judge the mind, however. One of the twins may be a sinner for tarrying on evil thoughts in his mind, but outwardly he infringed no civil laws. The Papacy invented the engines of the Inquisition to solve this problem and play the part of God by torturing those who they suspected of heresy. In this way, while in agony, many poor souls confessed to crimes they never committed in order to be relieved from the excruciating pain. The Bible indicts these religio-political persecutors and alleviates them from a job that God retained for Himself. "Vengeance is mine says the Lord." (Rom. 12:19 & Heb. 10:30).

*"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."* II Corinthians 5:10.

When America was the lamb of Revelation 13:11, the following passage from one of its founders explained the pure Protestant principle of religious liberty for all. *"God hath created the mind free... All attempts to influence it by... Civil incapacitations, tend only to beget habits of hypocrisy... And are a departure from the plan of the holy Author... Who being Lord of both body and mind, yet chose not to propagate it by coercions on either, as was in His Almighty power to do."* Thomas Jefferson, in the 1786 Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom. Pope Pius IX on the other hand stated, *"Cursed be those who assert liberty of conscience and of worship and such that maintain that the Church may not employ force."* The Syllabus of Errors, Dec. 1864. The above Papal attitude by the 'Infallible' Pope Pius IX towards religious liberty is just the same today as when they burnt Ridley and Latimer at the stake in 1555. Intolerance toward others has been a propensity of fallen humanity throughout history.

*"And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us. And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us."* Luke 9:49, 50. Here the disciples found a man who was not under their jurisdiction, but was using Jesus Christ's name. This was a golden opportunity for Christ to get the disciples to call in the Roman centurions and teach this man a lesson once and for all. The pitying words of Christ have been dimmed by 2,000 years of blood: *"Forbid him not."* What a wonderful Saviour we have.

Another example of Christ's tolerance towards those who reject Him can be seen a few verses later. It also shows the intolerance towards others in religious matters inherent in fallen humanity. *"And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face*

*was as though he would go to Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village."* Luke 9:53-56. This verse again exposes the intolerance of the disciples towards others and the pleadings from Christ not to harm others.

*"And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God."* John 6:65-69.

When most of the disciples left Christ, he never chose to call the Roman soldiers to force them back. His pitiful plea has echoed down through time: *"Will ye also go away?"* This plea by the Saviour will also be an indictment against all who raise the sword to defend the name of Christ.

*"He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."* Revelation 13:10.

*"And when ye come into an house, salute it. And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city."* Matthew 10:12-15.

These verses again reiterate the Saviour's position of Christian tolerance towards any who reject His plan of Salvation.

*"...why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"* Matt. 7:3. This statement by Christ urges all professed Christians to look at their own shortcomings rather than uniting with the State to persecute others who they think are doctrinally wrong. *"Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword."* Matthew 26:52.

The Papacy claims that Peter was the first Pope, but in this verse Christ rebuked Peter for attacking a Church official.

*"When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone."* John 6:15

Here we see Christ's followers trying to make Him a secular king. Christ refused their well-meaning thrust, and later gave the reason why in the verse below.

*"Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of*

*this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence."* John 18:36.

The popes presumptuously and blasphemously claim kingship over the entire earth. The above Bible statements should cause them to tremble under their tiara for the wrath that is to come upon them and reduce their City, their pride and their millions of deluded followers to ashes.

*"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost... Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."* Acts 2:37-41. When the former rain fell, three thousand souls chose of their own free will to join the church because they were convicted by the Holy Spirit after hearing the preaching of the gospel message by Peter. The principle of choice was at the very heart of the gospel message. When Christ was crucified, no one chose to stand with Him, and He never used His divine power to force His followers to stand with Him.

*"Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbling say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection... Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them."* Acts 17:18, 34. When Paul first preached at Athens, some said he was a babbling and a few believed and 'claved' to him.

When the Church went into the wilderness for 1260 years, they chose to go there and suffer, rather than betray their sacred trust to God. In the last days, all of humanity will choose between the Mark of the Beast or the Seal of God. While God wants us all to be saved, He will not force the will. Great is the rejoicing in heaven, however, when a sinner repents under the conviction of the Holy Spirit, (John 16:8) and accepts this wonderful free gift of eternal life. The end of the world is near and we are living in the anti-typical day of Noah.

It is our duty to organise and print material with the 3 Angels' Message for distributing to the thousands of deceived souls. God will raise up men and women to stand in the breach and give the trumpet a certain sound. (GC 606). I hope the Holy Spirit convicts you to choose to help in this noble venture before it is ever too late, and deluded humanity's blood is on our hands. God's biddings are also our enablings. Man's extremities are also God's opportunities. ■

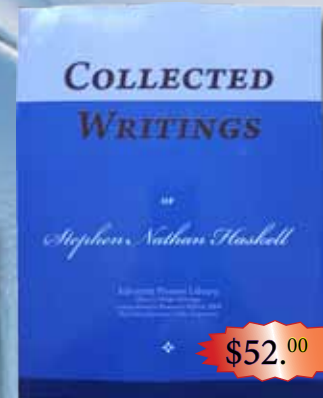
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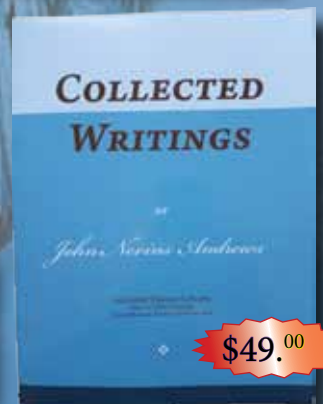
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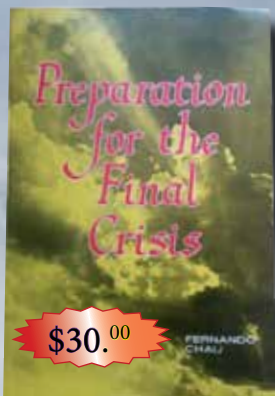
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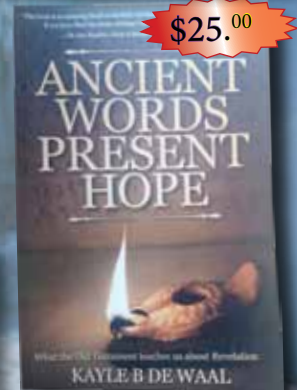
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# God's Judgement Upon the Midianites

Moses' work for Israel was almost done; yet one more act remained for the aged leader to perform, ere he should go to his long rest. "Avenge the children of Israel of the Midianites," was the divine command; "afterward thou shalt be gathered unto thy people." This mandate was communicated to Israel, not as the word of Moses, but of Christ, their invisible leader; and it was immediately obeyed. One thousand men were selected from each of the tribes of Israel, and sent out against the Midianites. In the battles which followed, that people were defeated, with great slaughter.

The men who promptly and speedily executed the divine judgments upon those heathen nations have been pronounced harsh and unmerciful in destroying so many human lives. But all who reason thus, fail to understand the character and dealings of God. In his infinite mercy, the Lord had long spared those idolatrous nations, giving them evidence upon evidence that he, the mighty Jehovah, was the God whom they should serve. He had commanded Moses not to make war upon Moab or Midian, for their cup of iniquity was not yet full. Additional evidence was to be given; clear and distinct light from the throne of God itself was to shine upon them.

## Balaam Tried To Curse Israel

When the king of Moab had called Balaam to pronounce a curse upon Israel, and thus accomplish their destruction, the goodness and mercy of God was strikingly displayed. That corrupt and hypocritical gain-seeker, whose heart longed to curse God's people for reward, was constrained to pronounce upon them the richest and most sublime blessings. The Moabites themselves could see that it was the power of God which controlled the avaricious prophet, and compelled him in the most exalted strains of inspiration to proclaim Israel God's chosen, and his almighty power her protection. Here the last ray of light shone upon a stiff-necked people who had set their wills in defiance to the will of God. When, at the suggestion of Balaam, the snare was laid for Israel, which resulted in the destruction of many thousands, then it was that the Midianites filled up the measure of their iniquities. Then their day of probation ended, the door of mercy was to them

closed, and the mandate went forth from Him who can create and can destroy, "Vex the Midianites, and smite them; for they vex you with their wives."

Those who would complain of God, or question the wisdom and justice of his dealings with his creatures should realize their own incompetence, with their finite wisdom, to determine what conduct is befitting to the judge of all the earth. They should make it their chief anxiety to so conduct themselves as not to become subjects of his wrath, and should leave the Lord to deal with the work of his hands according to his own wise purposes.

## Moses Filled with Indignation

Moses had been filled with grief and indignation at the deceitful wives by which Israel had been enticed to sin and thus bring upon themselves the wrath of God. In the command to make war upon the Midianites, Moses saw not only the justice of God in visiting his judgments upon the guilty, but his mercy in giving Israel the victory over a people who were seeking by every hellish art to accomplish their destruction. The Israelites were to engage in this warfare, not to gratify malice or revenge, but as God's instruments, to do his bidding, being influenced solely by zeal for the divine glory.

Men do not understand what they are doing, when they permit themselves even for a moment, to doubt the wisdom and benevolence of God,—to regard as a species of cruelty the judgments visited upon the stubborn and rebellious. Few realize the malignity of sin. It is a deadly leprosy, contaminating all who are brought in contact with it. If men persist in showing contempt for divine authority, God, who created them, and whose property they are, has a perfect right to take from them the blessings which they have abused. God's name and authority as ruler in the universe must be maintained. When idolatry is rearing its proud head, when blasphemy and rebellion are strengthening, then God reproves the sins of the nations, and the manifestations of divine anger which they had provoked come upon the transgressors of his law. The Most High delivers his word of doom, and chooses the instruments to perform his will. These messengers of God are required to faithfully perform the work appointed them, however repugnant it may be to their natural feel-



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ings. Sacred history records no instance in which these men were reprovved for too great thoroughness and severity; but God has many times reprovved his servants for lack of faithfulness in executing his judgments. In all this, God would teach us the lesson that in the future Judgment retribution will surely be visited upon "every soul of man that doeth evil," "according to the deeds done in the body." ST January 6, 1881, par. 6

God's method of dealing with sin is not in harmony with the views cherished by a large class who occupy a prominent position among the professed followers of Christ. Many of these men cherish sin, and laud the benevolence and long-suffering of God, and dwell upon the loving character of Jesus,—all mercy, all tenderness,—while they pass over the threatenings of God's wrath against sin and sinners, and our Saviour's scathing denunciations of hypocrisy and self-deception. It is those who have not a keen sense of the exceeding sinfulness of sin that are ready to question the justice of God in punishing with such severity the sins of the Amalekites, Canaanites, and Midianites. Those who love sin are unable to comprehend God's dealings with his subjects.

## A Disagreeable Work to be Done

In our day, as in ancient times, there is disagreeable work to be done in reprovving sin. In this work, God uses men as his instruments,—men of determined purpose, whom no threat or peril can in-



timidate, no hardship turn aside from the path of duty,—men who will never forget their sacred commission as servants of the Most High. The Lord calls for men to act promptly, with the courage of heroes, and the firmness and faith of martyrs, to tear down the idolatrous images that have usurped his place in the minds of men, and meet the armed force of wrong on battle fields. But in all this there is no excuse for any to indulge in harshness or severity to gratify their own wrong feelings.

God wants men whom he can use to his own glory, either to bear reproof and execute justice, or, with a heart full of piety and benevolence, to carry light into darkened homes, to speak peace to the troubled soul, and point the sinner to the pardoning love of Christ. The great want of this age is men fitted to do God's will,—men who will listen with praying hearts for God's words, and will hasten to obey his voice.

There are men full of zeal, who claim to be doing God's will, while in reality they are governed by human impulse. They feel at liberty to question, criticise, and challenge every one who does not act in harmony with their ideas. They make themselves offensive to God and to the people. They wound continually, and by their wrong course create in others a spirit of distrust and hatred for God, because he employs such men to do his work. But the Lord does not give these men the great work which they consider theirs. If he did, he would give them grace to perform it after Heaven's order, not their own. Those who are permitted to become co-workers with God, should ever cultivate the feeling that in every plan and work, they are doing the will of the Most High; and that in any and every emergency, God's Spirit, not man's, is to bear sway.

### **The Danger of Covetousness**

Balaam, having yielded himself to the control of covetousness, and hardened his heart by persistent rebellion, had joined his fortunes with the Midianites, and he perished in the general slaughter. He had felt a presentiment that his own end was near when he exclaimed, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his." The fate of Balaam is similar to that of Judas, and their characters bear a marked resemblance to each other. Both had received great light and enjoyed special privileges; but a single cherished sin, like gangrene, poisoned the entire character, and drove them to perdition.

While the victorious Israelites completely destroyed the armies of Midian, they spared all the women and children, and brought them into the camp as captives.

When Moses ascertained this, he became alarmed and indignant, and thus reproved the officers of the host: "Behold they caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the Lord in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the Lord." There had been a lack of thoroughness in executing the commands of God. The war against Midian had been a just retribution upon a guilty people, of whom the women had been the principal criminals. Had these idolatrous, licentious women been preserved as captives, their presence would have constantly endangered the morals of Israel. The sympathy which would spare these transgressors was contrary to the will of God. ST January 6, 1881, par. 12

### **Sympathy for Sin is Dangerous**

There is a sympathy for sin and sinners that is dangerous to the prosperity of the church at the present day. You must have charity is the cry. But that sentiment that would excuse wrong and shield the guilty, is not the charity of the Bible. The friendship of the wicked is more dangerous than their enmity; for none can prevail against the servants of the living God, except by tempting them to disobedience.

The offensive character of sin can be estimated only in the light of the cross. When men urge that God is too merciful to punish the transgressors of his law, let them look to Calvary; let them realize that it was because Christ took upon himself the guilt of the disobedient, and suffered in the sinner's stead, that the sword of justice was awakened against the Son of God. It was to save us from shame and everlasting contempt that he endured the scorn and mockery which the world heaped upon him. It was our sins that caused the Saviour of the world such intense agony, pouring darkness into his soul, and extorting from his pale lips the anguished cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" ST January 6, 1881, par. 14

He was numbered among the transgressors, he made his soul an offering for sin, that in his righteousness the believing, repenting sinner might stand justified before God. After all this, if man refuses to respond to the great sacrifice which has been made to ennoble and to save him, if he obstinately chooses the path of sin, will the great Judge of all the earth excuse the willful transgression of his holy law? Surely, everything that is noble and generous in our natures must respond to such love as Jesus manifested in suffering for our sake. It was an unexampled humiliation for him



to take upon himself the nature of fallen man, and sacrifice his life for a race of rebels; and the manner of his death makes that humiliation more apparent. He "became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." ST January 6, 1881, par. 16 Jesus was not insensible to ignominy. He felt the disgrace of sin as much more keenly than it is possible for man to feel it, as his divine and sinless nature was exalted above the nature of man. We should never entertain the thought that the Majesty of Heaven, so holy and undefiled, was not acutely sensitive to scorn and mockery, abuse and pain. He asks the murderous mob in Gethsemane, "Are ye come out as against a thief, with swords and staves?" This shameful treatment Jesus keenly felt, yet for our sakes he endured the most ignominious and most painful death which it was possible for mortals to experience; a death which was appropriate for the basest of criminals was that which the Lord of Glory suffered to ransom guilty man. Let none flatter themselves that they can continue in sin, and yet share in the great salvation which Christ has so dearly purchased. God is merciful and compassionate, but he is also just. Let the cross of Calvary forever settle this matter. As surely as Christ, the guiltless, suffered for the guilty, so surely will the wrath of God fall upon the heads of those who persist in their transgression of his law. ST January 6, 1881. ■

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Pr Clayton led out for the Divine Service



Billy came down from the North to share the Word of God



Ross spoke on God's end-time people



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Kim shared her health testimony



Worshipping in song



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Everyone enjoyed the meals



All the campers felt God had been near, the talks were inspiring and everyone sensed the urgency of the hour

# Hope Youth Camp April 2022



The youth ran an outreach concert



Members of the community were invited



The children sang to the glory of God



They learned bush craft skills



Kiwi building a hut



All the campers loved the camp fire



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## Jonah and the Gourd

After Jonah's horrendous experience in the belly of a fish for three days and three nights due to his disobedience, Jonah miraculously finds himself on dry land, and makes his way out of the city after expressing his strong displeasure and anger towards God. Jonah storms off to the east side of the city, and seeks shelter and respite from his internal turmoil. God then causes a "gourd"/leafy plant to grow up in His mercy which provides shade and shelter for his comfort and ease. In the Strong's Hebrew Dictionary, the word "gourd" in Hebrew is kee-kaw-yone/ki-kiyon which means: a plant, perhaps a gourd, castor oil plant, bottle gourd. Although there has been controversy over whether the plant in the story of Jonah was actually a castor oil plant, a gourd is known to be a very fast-growing plant with large leaves. Undoubtedly, the plant that provided shade for Jonah did require some miraculous intervention, since it grew quickly enough to provide him shelter the very next day. Interestingly, the castor oil plant is renowned for its rapid, invasive growth.

The scientific name for the castor oil or castor bean plant is called, *Ricinus Com-*



*munis*, and is also known by the name Palma Christi (Hand of Christ) or Wonder tree. Palma Christi is believed to originate its etymology from the Romans, as the shape of the leaves have the resemblance of a hand. Perhaps the reference to Christ's hand may potentially have a dual meaning in its origin. Firstly, it may be due to the fact that the castor oil plant has been known for thousands of years for its healing properties, and secondly, the reference to Christ's hand may also be due to the unequivocal reality that His healing hand consequently healed and relieved the maladies of the sick, the suffering and the diseased. Whether or not it indeed was a castor oil plant, it is nonetheless an extraordinary plant created and designed by the Master Healer, that has brought tremendous relief to so many lives.

Another fascinating fact that transcends the world of health and wellness, is where the iconic brand 'Castrol' got its name from. Does that name ring a bell to you? Well, it's a brand that revolutionized the world of engine oils and lubricants in the early 1900's, and the secret ingredient behind its name is woven together in the name itself... but the history behind it's name is rather intriguing. In 1899, a man by the name of Charles Cheers Wakefield left the company Vacuum Oil that he had been working for in England, and decided to start his own company called "CC Wakefield & Company," where he sold lubricants for trains and other heavy machinery. Charles had a growing interest in the aeroplane and automobile, and he later developed a world class engine oil that was thin enough to be able to immediately start up an engine from cold, yet thick enough to be able to withstand the temperature demands at a high-performance level. What was his secret in attaining such prestige in world class engine performance? It was discovered that by adding castor oil to his formulation, the oil dramatically enhanced the performance and endurance of his engine oils, and "CC Wakefield & Company" was then rebranded, and became "Castrol."

Castor oil and its by-products have manifold uses in the production and manufacturing of soaps, makeup, hair products, adhesives, lubricants, fungistatic compounds, hydraulic and brake fluids, paints, dyes, inks, plastics, waxes and polishes, insecticides, nylon, pharmaceu-



*Kim Whitehouse*

tics and perfumes. It is also used in food preservation. Castor oil is a remarkable oil that contains a production line of uses and benefits, not only pertaining to industry, but from a health point of view too. It is an oil that has recently regained recognition and popularity in the world today, especially due to its amazing properties for the skin and hair.

Castor oil is a vegetable oil extracted from the beans or seeds of the castor oil plant. It is a perennial plant that is indigenous to Africa, the Mediterranean and India. The seeds contain a coating or hull on the outer covering of the castor seed called ricin, which is highly toxic and poisonous, and if ingested, it can produce severe illness, and even result in death. Ricin is believed to be one of the most poisonous, naturally occurring substances known to man, and is harmful not only to humans, but even to animals and insects. However, the process of extracting the oil eradicates the poison ricin, as the ricin is water soluble, and does not permeate the castor oil itself, unless unforeseen cross contamination has occurred in its production.

## The Health Benefits

So, what actually are the health benefits of castor oil, and what are the most expedient uses and applications of this oil? Well, castor oil is mostly well known for its laxative properties, as this old-fashioned remedy has been around for centuries in its administration for constipation, hemorrhoids, or for other impacted colon abnormalities. Although the FDA has approved its use as a stimulative laxative, it ought to be taken with caution if taken internally, although applied as a compress or fomentation is rather recommended. It is currently also still safely used to stimulate uterine contractions for the onset of labour in pregnant women. The oil breaks down into ricinoleic acid in the uterus or intestines, and activates receptors, which trigger the process of contraction and peristalsis in the bowels, or dilation in the



uterus. Castor oil is a very viscous, odorless, inexpensive oil, that is pale yellow in appearance, and rather tasteless. Of all the vegetable oils on the planet, castor oil has been known to penetrate the skin the deepest, which is why it is highly recommended in dispersing, disintegrating or breaking down cysts, growths, fibroids, bone spurs, adhesions, tumours, cellulite, polyps etc. It can also be used as a pack/compress over the abdomen for premenstrual pain, fibroids, cysts on the ovaries, and gallstones. The castor oil compress can also be applied on the back for kidney stones.

### **Castor Oil Compress**

You can easily make a castor oil compress by simply applying some of the oil to a cotton flannel cut according to size. Don't oversaturate the material, but apply enough that it soaks well into the material, but is not dripping. You can then apply it directly to the area of concern, and cover it with a Ziploc bag that is big enough to cover the area. Since heat will increase the absorption of the oil even further, you can apply a hot water bottle on top of the Ziploc bag. You can then cover with a towel and allow the castor oil to get to work. Since castor oil stains, be mindful that the pack does not have contact with your clothing or linen, as it's nearly impossible to remove any staining or soiling that may occur from the oil. You can also use medical tape over the Ziploc bag, and secure the compress to your skin, especially if you are sleeping with it overnight. The pack can be reused a number of times, and when the pack is feeling a little dry, just add some more oil. Store the pack in a glass or ceramic jar, and if the compress starts smelling somewhat rancid or is looking haggard, apply a new pack. If you are treating a growth/tumour/bone spur etc. that you have had for months or years, consider that it may take some time before you see an improvement. Remember, if the unwanted formation took months or years to manifest, allow time for your body to self heal. Have patience, but be purposeful and consistent! Nature is powerful, but even more is our great Physician, Jesus.

If there is one oil that you ought to keep in your bathroom cabinet of natural remedies for a myriad of health issues, castor oil is the ONE! This 'wonder oil' is rich in vitamin E, and also Omega fatty acids 3, 6 and 9. It maintains a widespread reputation at treating arthritis, muscle pain, and other inflammatory issues due to its amazing anti-inflammatory agents contained within the oil. Omega 3 and 6 es-

sential fatty acids are 'essential' to your body since your body cannot make them itself. These essential fats must be ingested through the diet. Castor oil is made up of around 90% ricinoleic acid, along with proteins, triglycerides, tocopherols, and other health rendering constituents.

Castor oil has proven wonderful for the skin. It is a natural humectant, which means that it helps to prevent your skin from losing water, so your skin will feel more hydrated. It is also a natural emollient, which means that your skin will feel softer and more conditioned due to its high fatty acid content. Castor oil is also a remarkable oil that will help in the reduction of fine lines, wrinkles, scar tissue etc. Castor oil penetrates into the deeper layers of the skin, so it is very successful in the production of collagen and elastin. It is also amazing for dry cuticles, or brittle nails. It has been reported to also help restore the skin from stretch marks in pregnancy or from rapid weight gain, and is extremely beneficial for dry, rough, or cracked skin, although it is not recommended to apply to broken skin/open wounds. You may want to do a patch test for those with sensitive skin conditions. It has also been reported to lighten hyperpigmentation in the skin such as chloasma, or hyperpigmentation related to overexposure to the sun. Castor oil has a very low comedogenic score, so although it is a thick oil, it will not clog the pores of your skin as one might think. In actual fact, it is brilliant in the treatment of acne, since it contains ant-microbial, antibacterial, and anti-inflammatory properties. Since the oil can penetrate deep into the skin, it is successful in fighting bacteria and microbes at a dermal level. It can also be mixed with other vegetable oils for your skin, e.g., coconut oil, avocado oil, olive oil, etc. Castor oil has also been used as a carrier oil when blending therapeutic essential oils or other oils for massage. It is advised to use a high quality, cold pressed, organic, hexane-free castor oil if possible, as the quality of the oil will determine the results.

### **Great for Your Hair**

Castor oil is also a fantastic oil for your hair. No need for any fancy, lavishly expensive hair masques or treatments. It will not only help to condition and strengthen your hair, it will also feed the follicles of your hair, leaving it looking healthy and shiny. It has also been reported to help thicken your hair, and assist with slowing down the unwanted 'greying' process. It is extremely helpful for those who suffer from dandruff or other scalp conditions.

You can use the oil as a weekly treatment for your hair by applying it in the evening before you go to bed. Remember castor oil stains, so you may want to use an old pillow case to cover your pillow when sleeping with it on. Here's a few tips when applying castor oil: Firstly, it is a very thick oil, and it can leave your hair rather matted & tangled, if not handled with care. So, take your time and be gentle! Many are put off at the idea of applying this gooey, sticky oil to their hair, as they feel it can be a rather grueling task to wash it out. But I assure you, it's worth it! Just try this hair hack, and you should be fine! Start applying the oil to the roots of your hair, and gently massage the oil with your fingertips. Focus on the roots of your hair and complete this task in sections, especially for those who already have thick hair. Then, apply the oil to the rest of your hair by gently scrunching the oil into your hair. When you are ready to wash the oil out of your hair, the trick is to first rinse the oil out with warm water as much as possible, (the shower is the easiest place to do this in) then apply conditioner FIRST to remove the sticky film from your hair. Once you have rinsed your hair of the conditioner, THEN wash your hair as normal, and your hair will feel and look wonderful afterwards, with no greasiness or oily residue. Your hair and scalp will love you for it!

### **Powerful for the Immune System**

Castor oil is also very powerful for the immune system. It increases blood circulation, which helps in the free movement of oxygen throughout the body. We are told from the Spirit of Prophecy that, "Perfect health depends upon perfect circulation," so this is definitely an oil you want to keep in close proximity, although it is not to replace any exercise regime! Not only does castor oil encourage blood circulation, but it also increases the lymphocyte count in your blood. Lymphocytes are white blood cells in the body that are effective at fighting disease or toxins. Most of your lymphocyte count is found in your thymus gland, spleen, lymph nodes, and lymphatic tissue that lines the small intestine. It is no wonder, why castor oil is an excellent oil in the treatment of bacteria, fungi, mold, and viruses. This would explain its topical use in treating ringworm, tinea, cutaneous candidiasis, fever blisters etc.

Castor oil is truly a superior oil and its uses and benefits are certainly extensive for the human body. It is utilized around

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# Winter Is Here, Time To Boost Your Immune System



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Apricot kernel oil has been used in traditional Chinese medicine to treat inflammatory skin disorders. It is said to be excellent for use on sensitive and prematurely aging skin. Apricot kernel oil is known to have extremely nourishing qualities, and is easily absorbed into the skin. essential linoleic and oleic fatty acids



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## Bank of England governor warns of 'apocalyptic' food prices



Andrew Bailey admits UK is in a 'bad situation' and faces potentially 'apocalyptic' food-price increases, as he's grilled by MPs.

Britain faces the "major concern" of "apocalyptic" global food-price rises sparked by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the Bank of England's governor has told MPs. Andrew Bailey warned of a "very big income shock" to households, and admitted feeling "helpless" in the face of surging inflation.

His comments came as veteran Tory MP Michael Fabricant called on the chancellor, Rishi Sunak, to raise benefits in line with inflation, and as concerns were raised over plans by the energy regulator to revise the price cap on bills every three months instead of every six.

Mr Bailey defended the Bank's monetary policy and said there could be a further rise in food costs if Ukraine, a major exporter of agricultural products, is unable to ship wheat and cooking oil because of a Russian blockade.

"Sorry for being apocalyptic for a moment, but that's a major concern," Mr Bailey said on Monday, noting that wheat prices alone had risen by just under 25 per cent in the past six weeks.

[www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/inflation-cost-of-living-interest-rates-b2080117.html](http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/inflation-cost-of-living-interest-rates-b2080117.html)

## FBI probed parents as part of counterterrorism

The FBI used "threat tags" created by the bureau's counterterrorism division to

launch dozens of investigations into parents who had protested at school board meetings, whistleblowers disclosed.

The probes targeted parents who were reported on a new Justice Department "snitch line."

The FBI investigations included a father opposed to mask mandates and a mother deemed a threat for "owning guns" and belonging to a group called "Moms for Liberty."

"You've got over two dozen cases that whistleblowers came to us about, that they had concerns on," Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio, the ranking Republican on the House Judiciary Committee, told The Washington Times. "If that isn't designed to chill speech, I don't know what does." [www.washingtontimes.com/news/2022/may/12/whistleblowers-fbi-probed-parents-under-counterter/](http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2022/may/12/whistleblowers-fbi-probed-parents-under-counterter/)

## Biden's 'Ministry Of Truth' Is 'Un-American'

While the Department of Homeland Security said the "working group" will target disinformation that threatens national security, critics of the bureau warn that it is an attempt from the federal government to police free speech on the internet.

"It's un-American, it's wrong, and we will do everything in our power to stop it," McCarthy said of the Disinformation Governance Board.

Lauren Boebert said "I certainly don't trust [the Biden administration] to be the arbiters of truth," ... Americans don't need big tech fact-checkers, or this partisan board silencing free speech."

<https://www.newsweek.com/bidens-ministry-truth-un-american-abuse-power-mccarthy-1705756>

## European Sunday Alliance on the annual European Day for a Work-Free Sunday

On March 3, the annual European Day for a Work-Free Sunday, the European Sunday Alliance calls on political leaders to put as a priority on the EU social policy agenda the establishment of a European

feed the animals. You provide plants for the crops we grow—the plants that give us food from the earth." Psalm 104:14.

The Ricinus Communis plant, castor bean oil, has serviced man with an abundance of practical uses and applications, ranging from agriculture to engine oils, and a vast array of medicinal purposes in between. Surely, this abundant blessing from the 'Palm of Christ' is a direct token of God's love for man. So, perhaps this 'wonder

## WORLD WATCH

weekly common day of rest.

(They Reasoned), Humans are social beings, and for many of them their health requires more than individual time to spend alone. The challenges of the pandemic have highlighted the issue of loneliness in the EU. A common work-free day enables families to spend time together, children with parents and grandparents, who are the first ones to suffer from loneliness. A work-free day makes it also possible to pursue volunteer work, civic engagement, joint social, sports or faith-related activities, and, more generally, to strengthen the social cohesion of our communities. By tradition and custom, most European countries establish the weekly day of rest on Sunday.

The European Sunday Alliance thus calls on European political leaders to put as a priority the establishment of a European weekly common day of rest for workers, by tradition on Sunday, as enshrined in Art. 2 of the European Social Charter.

<https://www.cesi.org/posts/statement-of-the-european-sunday-alliance-on-the-annual-european-day-for-a-work-free-sunday-on-march-3-2022/>

## Garlic Detoxes your liver

Garlic has been used as a natural detoxifier for thousands of years. It doesn't directly flush out toxins from your body. Instead, it helps increase the natural production of glutathione, an antioxidant that's essential for healthy liver function and detoxification. It works by eliminating toxins in your liver, as well as in your kidneys. Glutathione also helps eliminate heavy metals and environmental toxins from your body. Additionally, glutathione can protect your liver from oxidative stress, which is caused by harmful free radicals. Increased production of free radicals in the liver has been implicated in many liver diseases. [www.food.news/2021-11-03-detox-your-liver-with-garlic.html](http://www.food.news/2021-11-03-detox-your-liver-with-garlic.html)

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the world for so many other industrial purposes, as we have discovered, but the most outstanding reality about this plant, that deserves more credit than the plant itself, is that it was created and designed for our benefit by our Almighty God Himself. Castor oil is readily available in most countries around the world, and is inexpensive, economical, and within the reach of many. "You make the grass grow to

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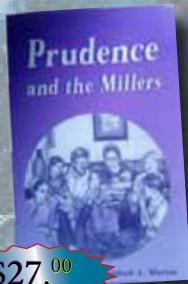


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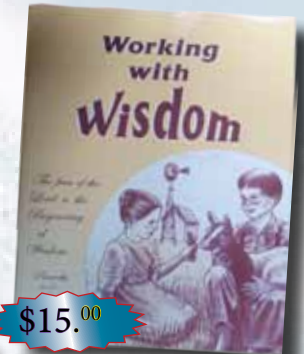
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