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THE IMPORTANT INFO ENCLOSED GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS

It is time for us to update our mailing list. Most of you profit from our monthly letters and you are very important to us. We don't want to lose you!

However, after a time, we find people on our list that have no interest in our ministry. They never respond to anything when info is requested, never send a dime to help keep us going, nor perhaps even open the envelope!

Of course we don't want to keep sending vital material regarding His 2nd coming to them.

So we are asking that those of you who do not read our letters, nor pay any attention to them, that in kindness you

put your name and address in the pink envelope and send it back to us - Your name will be removed. Include your name and address only. This request is of necessity and does not include the poor, the interested, those who share our concerns, and appreciate our ministry.

Pink envelopes: will still be coming in all newsletters sent to you who live in North America and Canada, but are of no value to those living out of the U.S. because of the U.S. mailing barcode.

The bar-code on them is only U.S. compatible. Most of our overseas response comes over the internet or one of its programs. Some send funds with their own envelopes. You are appreciated!

We are appreciative of *every* response no matter where it comes from. Such responses finance our operation here at Bible Explorations. We need you.

To remain on our mailing list either send a check, or don't reply at all, and you will remain. Blessings on you.

LETTER FROM NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION regarding Orlando

Most of their letter shares our feelings regarding the issues, and echoes the attitude of newspapers and magazines. But the first paragraph follows this explanation:

Daniel R. Jackson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist in North America, issued the following

statement in June 12, 2016, in response to the mass shooting at the Pulse Club in Orlando, Florida.

"The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America is heartbroken as we mourn the loss of innocent lives in the deadliest mass shooting in United States history. We extend our deepest condolences and prayers for the 50 people killed, the 53 wounded, their families, loved ones, and friends. We also pray for the community of Orlando and the heartache and sadness they are experiencing as a result of this tragedy."

I too mistakenly write things that can be taken two ways. That could be the case in the above paragraph, but then perhaps not.

First of all the murdered persons are declared innocent. So now if our older youth are cruising around town at 2 in the morning, they are innocent; if they are cruising the streets of ill repute, they are innocent; if they are bellying up to a bar and drinking hard liquor, they are innocent; if they are making serious love out of wedlock, they are innocent; and if they are making love to one of the same gender, they are innocent. What? The big problem is that the shooter sealed them. They can no longer be shown the beauty of repentance nor the need for it.

The dead may be innocent if they have never heard the truth of God's Word nor the beauty of salvation, but then I must blame the daughters of Babylon for that. We have had approximately 200 years to do that. Yet surely the shooter is worse than the "innocent" dead for sealing their fate, but then he may have been out of his mind. Who are we to judge?

There is no question our president is writing about the dead and calling them "innocent". I could wish he had found another way of expressing himself and still coming across as a kind person.



Then there are several groups that he sends condolences and prays for expecting we do the same. One of the groups mentioned are the dead. Actually I don't know how to do

that. How do we pray for people already dead? and what do we say to them?

"We extend our deepest condolences and prayers for the 50 people killed." Then he also adds his prayers and condolences for the 53 wounded, their families, etc. I can certainly see praying for their families and friends, but how does one pray for the dead?

The Catholic church prays for the dead, that they move on from purgatory. They also pray to dead saints and the Virgin Mary.

Am I being too picky here? I don't mean to be however I am on my guard for the *state of the dead* will be a final test for us.

It will get personal! "It is not difficult for the evil angels to represent both saints and sinners who have died, and make these representations visible to human eyes. These manifestations will be more frequent, and developments of a more startling character will appear as we near the close of time." Ev. 604

He (Satan) has power to bring before men the appearance of their departed friends. The counterfeit is perfect; the familiar look, the words, the tone, are reproduced with marvelous distinctness . . . Many will be confronted by the spirits of devils personating beloved relatives or friends and declaring the most dangerous heresies. These visitants will appeal to our tenderest sympathies and will work miracles to sustain their pretensions. GC 552, 560.

I saw that the saints must get a thorough understanding of present truth, which they will be obliged to maintain from the Scriptures. They must understand the state of the dead; for the spirits of devils will yet appear to them, professing to be beloved friends and relatives, who will declare to them that the Sabbath has been changed, also other unscriptural doctrines. They will do all in their power to excite sympathy and will work miracles before them to confirm what they declare. The people of God must be prepared to withstand these spirits with the Bible truth that the dead know not anything. EW 87.

Ministers, lawyers and doctors among us will sympathize with the world until they are drunk with the wine of Babylon.

Since we know this to be true, then we must listen closely to what they imply in their statements: Our souls are very important to us. We must see the truth of each issue clearly and always cast our vote on His side. Therefore it is important to note what His side is.

A marvelous work shall take place. Ministers, lawyers, doctors, who have permitted these falsehoods to overmaster their spirit of discernment, will be themselves

deceivers, united with the deceived. A spiritual drunkenness will take possession of them. To the unfaithful steward the Lord says, "Take your pleasure and walk in blindness as drunken men, for, after having many opportunities, and refusing to improve them, you will act at last as the drunkard acts, throwing away your hope of eternal life. Seeking deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and making lies their refuge, they will misinterpret the warnings and messages God has sent, placing on these warnings their false statements, to make God's Word of no effect." The Upward Look, p. 317.

Yes, these things "shall take place." Is it time? do we have ministers who no longer believe the sanctuary truth? nor study future applications? And ridicule those who do?

This evil takes place in the last days. That is the days of earthquakes, tornadoes, worldwide money problems, and approval of folk living like they did in Sodom, ecumenical movements and disastrous floods.

WE'VE CERTAINLY HAD OUR SHARE OF THESE



AND SO HAS THE REST OF THE WORLD



Speaking of the rest of the world, June 21 China: "about 200,000 people from eight southern provinces and regions had been forced to evacuate, the Ministry of Civil Affairs said. Storms led to crop damage and the collapse of

10,500 houses, the official Xinhua news agency reported. Estimated economic losses were 7.34 billion Yuan."

Chinese officials had warned of the potential for record floods this year due to a strong El Nino weather pattern, which warms sea-surface temperatures in the Pacific and has been linked to serious crop damage, forest fires and flash flood and drought around the world.



Anyway, we've been forewarned and we know where error is going to creep in among us. Ministers, lawyers, and doctors will be among the deceivers. Count on it.

At one time she warned: "We are not saved as a sect; no denominational name has any virtue to bring us into favor with God. We are saved individually as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ." RH 2/10/1891

Perhaps that is why the 144,000 do not belong to any church of this world, for they are virgins: not defiled with any of them.

"These are they that are not defiled with women (churches) for they are virgins. (Instead,) these are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

So, we can't depend on anything. All must be checked should it sound funny to your ear.

Or again: "How is the faithful city become an harlot! and, Oh my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err."

Who will cause you to err? "They which lead thee!"

I suppose if it happened once it can happen again. The quote goes on to say, "They which lead thee . . . destroy the way of thy paths." FE 222

Holding up Capernaum as a model for the SDA church she wrote [parenthesis hers] "and thou, Capernaum [Seventh-day Adventist who have had great light] which art exalted unto heaven [in point of privilege] shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of

judgment, than for thee." At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent [in their own estimation], and hast revealed them unto babes." RH Aug. 1, 1893.

Here I choose not to be among the wise and prudent, (that is wise and prudent in their own eyes) I prefer to be as babes that listen and make moves accordingly.

RH Sept 7, 1911 she held up the apostle Paul's dealings with the old church.

"The Spirit of God wrought with and through Paul in his labors for his countrymen. Sufficient evidence had been presented to convince all who honestly desired to know the truth. But they permitted themselves to be controlled by prejudice and unbelief, and refused to yield to the most conclusive evidence.

"Fearing that the faith of the believers would be endangered by continued association with these opposers of the truth, Paul separated from them and gathered the disciples into a distinct body continuing his public instruction in the school of Tyrannus, a teacher of some note."

In 1888, that fateful year for the church, she wrote: "Now it is just exactly as in the days of the Jews. When a message came in, why all the power of the leaders was put against it, that it should not have access to the people. Now, brethren go to God for yourselves, and on your knees plead with God.

"If God sends us light, let it come to us, and let no man close the door, or try to close it. Don't close it yourselves. Open the door of your heart and let the brilliant rays of light shine into your heart and into your mind." Manuscript 9, 1890. 1888 Materials, p 541.

And then just 15 years before her death she penned "The day of God is right upon us, and the world has converted the church. Both are in harmony, and are acting upon a short-sighted policy." GC Bulletin, 1st quarter, 1900.

So the church as we know it can indeed fail, and leadership can play a woeful part in its demise.

At one time she said: "How is the faithful city become a harlot. My Father's house is made a house of merchandise, a place whence the divine presence and glory have departed! For this cause there is weakness and strength is lacking." 8T 250.

Whew, I wouldn't want to belong to a church where the divine presence and glory have departed. That's not where I would want to be! but what if it does happen?

So we must be very careful not to be led by leaders into error. Obviously they will try to bring us to the place where we believe lies.



But wow? what a future! He will cleanse His people. He will have His church, but it will be the "church of the firstborn." He will take control "that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot nor wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Wouldn't it be great to belong to such as that? We would be "members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones." Eph 5:30. [Note verses 24 33]

Heb. 12:23 - 25

To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

And verse 28 adds: "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear."

IN THE LAST DAYS SATAN APPEARS AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT

"In the last days Satan will appear as an angel of light, with great power and heavenly glory, and claim to be the Lord of the whole earth. He will declare that the Sabbath has been changed from the seventh to the first day of the week; and as lord of the first day of the week he will present his spurious sabbath as a test of loyalty to him. Then will take place the final fulfillment of the Revelator's prophecy." [Rev. 13:4 - 18 quoted. 19MR 282.

Rev 13:4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped

the beast, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

If any man have an ear, let him hear.

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.

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of *t* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

Please note the sequence of events that are about to receive their "final" fulfillment. (Obviously she believed in more than one fulfillment).

1. The wounded beast arises, gets mouthy, and is given 42 months to do his thing.

2. During this 42 months he blasphemes God, His name, His tabernacle, and them that already dwell in heaven.



4. He receives worship from everybody *on the earth*, with the exception of those whose names are written in the book of life

5. **A second beast arises**, this time from the earth. He demonstrates all the power of the first beast, he doeth great wonders and makes fire come down from heaven (in the sight of men).

6. Makes war with the saints, and deceives them that dwell *on the earth* with miracles which he does in the sight of the first, now healed, beast to overcome them, and power given to him over *the whole earth*. He demonstrates all the power of the first beast.

7. He uses his miracle working to influence all to worship the first beast.

8. He sets out to murder those who do not comply and causes (forces) all to receive a mark - the mark of the beast.



Several blatant transgressions are now taking place on our planet and crimes too heinous to mention. It's not hard to see genocide of a group that is out of step with the world. The whole world will be awaiting the Sunday law. Is it possible? Christ also compared our day to the sins of Sodom. Is that possible? Oh how close to the sealing we must be!

7 Years, 7 Months, 7 Weeks, 7 Days

From September 29, 2008 when the Dow plunged 777 points until Friday, June 24, 2016 in the aftermath of Brexit when the Dow plunged 600+ has been exactly 7 years, 7 months, 7 weeks and 7 days! Interesting trivia from Dollar Vigilante.

JESUIT APPOINTED HEAD OF U.S. RELIGIOUS FREEDOM COMMISSION

The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom has a new chairman, and for the first time, the position will be held by a Catholic priest. Jesuit priest Father Thomas Reese was first appointed to a 2-year term as a member of the commission by President Obama in 2014 and re-appointed in 2016. Now he will take over as the chair of the organization, an independent, bipartisan commission that monitors and reviews religious freedom violations around the world, and makes policy recommendations to the Secretary of State, Congress, and the president. "I am honored to serve as USCRIF's Chair and work with my fellow commissioners in support of freedom of religion or belief," Reese said. "World events underscore the importance of this fundamental right: a key factor in many of the U.S.'s foreign policy challenges, religious freedom is under serious and sustained attack across much of the globe," he added.

TOM STAPLETON

Tom Stapleton, who will be with us at Tabernacles, will be explaining that it is now, finally, that the lion with eagle wings can soar at last. Tied by the EU it was not free to do anything on its own, but now it has thrown off its shackles and can make an alliance with the eagle to work together - that is until the eagle's wings are plucked and the lion stands without God, only as a man. All godly power is removed and he can only speak as a man. You must read Daniel 7:3 - 5. For a while Brexit works well for the U. S. but eventually the wings are plucked. What does that mean? Come and hear his explanation. He just could be right. Tom will discuss in detail what could be the "final fulfillment" of Daniel 7. I would not miss Tabernacles for anything. It falls in October and includes Oct 22nd! Tabernacles runs from Oct. 16 - 23.

FIRE ON OUR BORERS



The fire in the county to our south has scorched more than 45,000 acres and destroyed 250 structures. About 2,000 people have been evacuated as firefighters try to defend 1500 homes. Authorities said they were overwhelmed by the fire. Video from local TV station showed the fire moving rapidly down a hillside and into a neighborhood of homes. Fire Chief Brian Marshall estimated at least 250 structures - including 80 plus homes - have been

destroyed by the fire. As of the writing of this news letter, it is still uncontrolled.

Water bombing aircraft has been flying back and forth over our house for two days. We are in no danger, but our neighbors to the southeast are not fairing so well. An evacuation center had been set up at Kernville Elementary school on Thursday night. On Friday morning evacuee Cher Buys, 63, said she had arrived there to find people "crying their guts out."

The Weldon resident said she was at home in bed when the electricity went out around 7 p.m. the night before. She said she walked outside and into a fog of smoke. "You couldn't see the neighbor's house next door. It just kept climbing and climbing over the mountains." she said of the fire "For it to move through five towns is a lot." End-time news Just keeps on flooding the presses.

WEST VIRGINIA

CNN - At least 23 people have lost their lives in flood waters raging through West Virginia Earl Tomblin said at a news conference.

Round and round it goes and where does it stop? At the 2nd coming. Please come quickly.

!!IMPORTANT!!

Let us know if you no longer want our news letter. Send the pink envelope back to us with nothing in it but your name and address.

Otherwise we are delighted and honored to send them to you. We want you to be able to think your way through the prophecies. We want you to be abreast of what is going on, and to be happy when He comes.



