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"General Audience with Pope Francis"

*Reflections on the*

# POPE'S AGENDA



Dear *friend* of Secrets Unsealed,

It hardly seems possible that the end of another year is staring us in the face! Sometimes it seems like the clock is speeding up as we rush toward the final movements contemplated in Bible prophecy!

At *Secrets Unsealed* we are grateful that the Lord is using us to spread His last message of love to the world. Just recently we held our seventh annual Secrets Unsealed Summit near Yosemite National Park. In the midst of God's majestic book of nature we learned about some disturbing things that are seeping into God's Remnant Church. The theme of our Summit was 'Emerging Spirituality' and dealt with the incipient spiritualistic dangers of the Emerging Church movement, Post-modern thinking and the One Project. These presentations will be available on YouTube and for purchase in early 2016. We encourage all our supporters to share these messages like the leaves of autumn.

One of the ideas that grew out of the Summit was to organize a Youth/Young Adult Summit where several supporting ministries can band together to share present truth classes that are adapted to the mindset of our precious youth. We are excited about this project and you will be hearing much more about it in the near future.

I would also remind you of the two Anchor Bible Schools that will be held in March and April of 2016. The English school will take place March 14-19 and the topic will be *'The Great Prophecies of Daniel and Revelation'*. On April 6-10 we will be holding our Spanish Anchor class and the subject of study will be *'Mateo 24 y las Señales del Fin'*. You are cordially invited to participate in these classes be it by live streaming or by being physically present.

Our project in Philadelphia was a single success with over 100,000 DVDs and 5,000 *Great Controversies* distributed by 97 volunteers from all over the United States. Souls will be in the kingdom as a result of this mission project. Thanks for your financial support!

Obviously, none of this would be possible without the power of God and your generous prayers and contributions. Thank you so much for your willingness to share in the mission of *Secrets Unsealed*.



Your brother in Christ,

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President and Speaker, *Secrets Unsealed*

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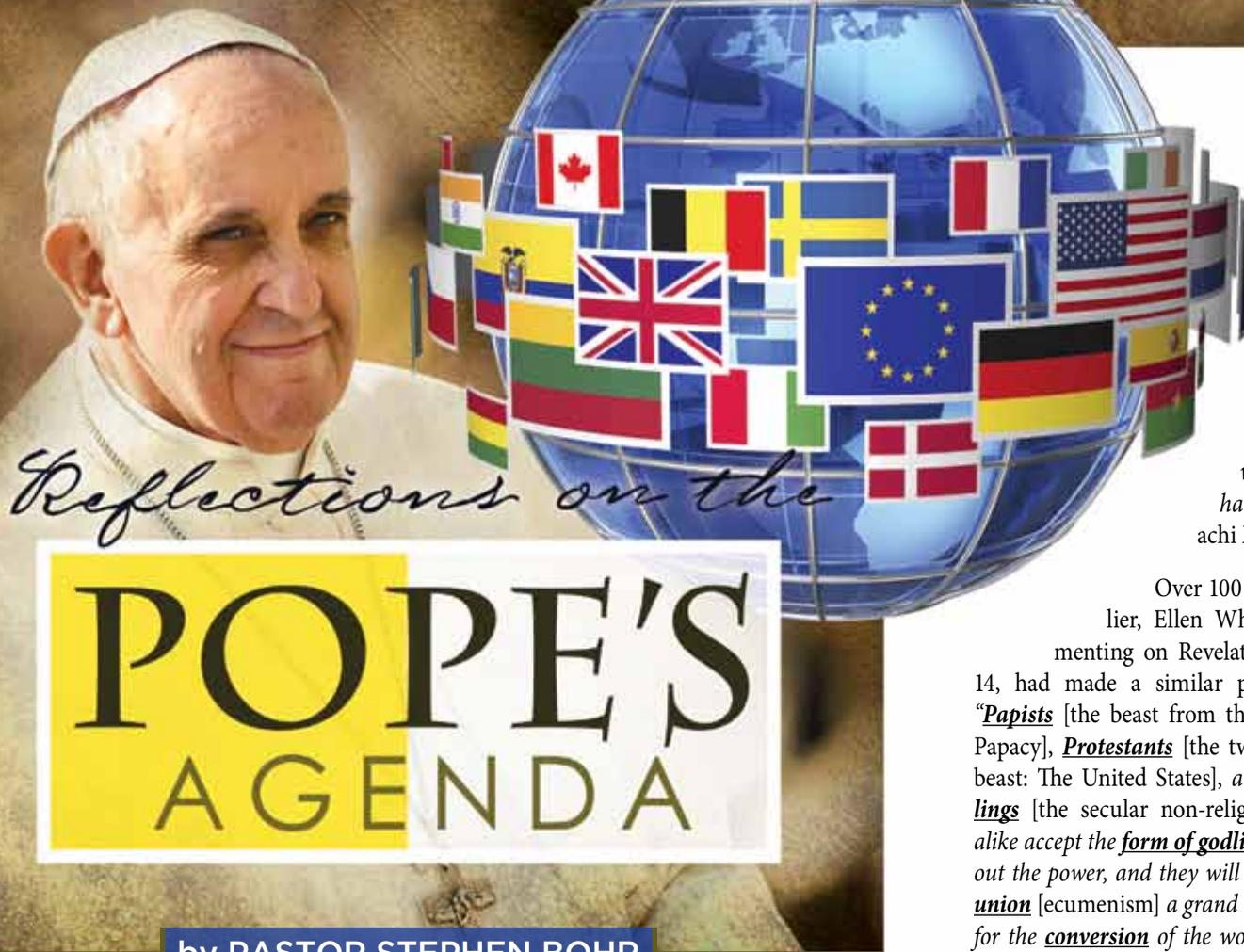
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## The FINAL TRIUMVIRATE

In 1990, Roman Catholic Jesuit priest, Malachi Martin, published the bestselling book *The Keys Of This Blood: Pope John Paul II Versus Russia And The West For Control Of The New World Order*. Martin's book describes the tooth and nail struggle for world dominion between the papacy, communism (Secularism), and western capitalism. On page 18 Martin described the aspirations of all three global competitors: "There is one great similarity shared by all three of these globalist competitors. Each one has in mind a particular **grand design for one world governance** ... Their **geopolitical** competition is about which of the three will **form, dominate and run the world system** that will **replace** the decaying nation system." (Malachi Martin, *The Keys Of This Blood*, p. 18)

And then Martin ominously predicted: "No holds barred because, once the competition has been decided, the world and all that's in it—our way of life as **individuals** and as **citizens** of the nations; our **families** and our **jobs**; our **trade** and **commerce** and **money**; our **educational systems** and our **religions** and our **cultures**; even the **badges of our national identity**, which most of us have always taken for granted—all will have been **powerfully and radically altered forever**. **No one can be exempted** from its effects. No sector of our lives will remain untouched ... Nobody who is acquainted with the plans of these three rivals has any doubt but that **only one of them can win**." (Malachi Martin, *The Keys Of This Blood*, p. 16)

Over 100 years earlier, Ellen White, commenting on Revelation 16:13, 14, had made a similar prediction: "**Papists** [the beast from the sea: the Papacy], **Protestants** [the two-horned beast: The United States], and **worldlings** [the secular non-religious] will alike accept the **form of godliness** without the power, and they will see in this **union** [ecumenism] a grand movement for the **conversion** of the world [evangelization] and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium [the Omega Point of the Grand Design according to Roman Catholic eschatology]." (*Great Controversy*, pp. 588, 589)

## SOCIAL CONSERVATISM

For over 40 years, Roman Catholics and conservative Protestants have worked together on common social causes. This alliance that included organizations such as the Moral Majority and the Christian Coalition condemned abortion, euthanasia, same-sex mar-

riage, government prohibitions of religious displays on public property and the Supreme Court banning of prayer in public schools. This common struggle for 'traditional morality' brought conservative Protestants and Catholics ever closer together in a common cause. The love affair was exhibited recently when several influential Protestant leaders were invited by Pope Francis to visit the Vatican, among which were Kenneth Copeland, Tony Palmer, James Robison, Rick Warren and Joel Osteen. The Pope, who is considered by many to be the foremost moral voice in the world, wowed these Protestant leaders to such an extent that Rick Warren later exclaimed, 'we are on the same team'.

With conservative Protestantism continually gravitating toward the papacy, the Vatican needed to focus on the third group in the triumvirate—the secular worldlings.

During the decades that Catholics and conservative Protestants were

struggling for ‘traditional morality’, their cause resonated strongly with **social conservatives** but not with mainline liberal Protestant churches, the scientific community, liberal politicians, the liberal media and the secular-minded populace.

But in just the last 10 years, American society has changed drastically. The social issues that once galvanized conservative Protestants and Catholics are no longer in the forefront. Just consider how gay marriage has triumphed in the United States with just a whimper from social conservatives. Even Pope Francis I, has had little to say about gay marriage, abortion, and other social issues choosing to say rather, ‘Who am I to judge?’ In his recent visit to the White House, the United States Congress and the United Nations the Pope was virtually silent on the traditional social issues. Why? There is a carefully laid out Jesuit-style strategy behind the change of papal talking points.

Having conservative Protestants increasingly in his camp and with traditional moral issues on the backburner, Francis had to find themes that could win over the wordlings (the secular-minded) while not alienating the Protestants who sympathized with him. He needed to spearhead causes that would resonate with those of a secular mentality—with naturalist scientists, world politicians, and especially with the United Nations. After all, Ellen White did predict that worldlings would be the third link in the final union against the government of heaven. Jesuit Pope Francis I

found three central themes that could captivate those of a secular mentality without alienating conservative Protestants: climate change, family values and world poverty that has led, among other things, to massive emigration and immigration. No one can fault the Pope for stressing the importance of these three talking points. However, what is deeply troubling is the Pope’s *motivation* for bringing them to the fore at this time.

## CLIMATE CHANGE

Let’s take up first the Pope’s climate change campaign. In his recent encyclical, *Laudato Si’*, Pope Francis has claimed that global climate change—formerly called ‘global warming’—is due to human abuse of the environment, particularly the market-driven and consumer-minded capitalist countries. He has claimed that if this problem is not urgently addressed, it could eventually lead to the extinction of the human race. Therefore he has called upon world leaders to make climate change a top priority by signing and enforcing international environmental protection treaties with penalties for those who do not comply.

This environmental message has hit a chord with powerful politicians. Governor Jerry Brown of California, who was trained in Jesuit schools and presides over the sixth largest economy on the planet was recently invited to the Vatican to participate in a summit on climate change and he couldn’t help but offer accolades to Francis for his moral leadership on this issue. And then there is Mayor Bill De Blasio of

New York City, the financial capital of the world. At the same meeting, he couldn’t help but gush about Francis as the ‘strongest moral voice in the world [who] is calling political leaders to action’. Even many influential Protestant leaders have described Pope Francis with the same glowing terms. Times were when Protestants in the United States believed that the Bible was the greatest moral authority in the world, but times have changed!

It is interesting to note the words that Pope Francis I used in his recent encyclical on climate change, terminology that has been used by all popes in the last six decades and goes all the way back to the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas. Francis claimed that: “*International [climate] negotiations cannot make significant progress due to positions taken by countries which place their **national interests** above the **global common good**.*” (*Encyclical Letter Laudato Si’ of the Holy Father Francis on the Care of our Common Home*, paragraph # 169)

Did you notice the expressions, ‘national interests’ and ‘global common good’?

**Ban Ki-Moon**, the Secretary General of the United Nations, echoed the Pope’s very words in a recent news report. The report explained that Ban Ki-Moon called on governments to ‘place the **global common good** above **national interests** and to adopt an ambitious, universal climate agreement’ at the United Nations climate summit in Paris this December.

And no less a heavyweight than Barack Obama, president of the world’s

premier superpower, echoed the Pope’s words as well: “*I welcome His Holiness Pope Francis’s encyclical, and deeply admire the Pope’s decision to make the case—clearly, powerfully, and with the **full moral authority** of his position—for action on global climate change ... We must also protect the **world’s poor**, who have **done the least** to contribute to this looming crisis and stand to lose the most if we fail to avert it.*

*I look forward to **discussing these issues with Pope Francis** when he visits the **White House** in September. And as we prepare for global climate negotiations in **Paris this December**, it is my hope that **all world leaders**—and all God’s children—will reflect on **Pope Francis’s call** to come together to care for our **common home**.”*

It is significant that President Obama linked the issue of global climate change with the plight of the poor. As we shall soon see, in this he reflects the very strategy of the Jesuit Pope.

Of course, one of the Pope’s provisions of the ‘save the planet’ crusade is making **Sunday** a day for the **environment to rest**, for **families** to strengthen their ties by attending Mass, and to give **the poor** a break from what he perceives as the endless and dehumanizing cycle of capitalist life. The not-too-subtle insertion of Sunday at the end of the encyclical appears innocuous at first sight, but as Adventists we know what the papacy’s ultimate purpose is in bringing global climate change to the forefront.

Regarding Sunday, the encyclical states: “*On **Sunday**, our participation in the Eucharist has special importance.*

Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be **a day that heals** our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world ...



things, the Declaration stated: "Climate change is a global prob-

lem whose solution will depend on our stepping beyond national affiliations and coming together for the common good."

Rest opens our eyes to the larger picture and gives us renewed sensitivity to the rights of others. And so the day of rest, centered on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor." (Laudato Si', p. 237)

## PONTIFICAL ACADEMY of SCIENCES

On April 15, 2015, some two months before the Pope released his encyclical, the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences had released a statement titled "Climate Change and the Common Good: A Statement of the Problem and the Demand for Transformation Solutions".

This eye-opening document presents a doomsday scenario that is intended to scare the planet into doing something about climate change or run the risk of ceasing to exist! Among other

It further stated: "As early as 2100, there will be a non-negligible probability of irreversible and catastrophic climate impacts that may last over thousands of years, raising the existential question of whether civilization as we know it can be extended beyond this century."

The document states that the increase in temperature has not been seen in 'tens of millions of years,' one clear indication among many that the papacy has fully embraced the evolutionary theory of origins.

The Pope's encyclical (released June 18, 2015), published about two months after the Declaration, suggested that the elimination of carbon gases, carpooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, restricting the use of air conditioning, recycling and boycotting certain products as well as giving the planet a Sunday rest will help

solve the problem. The Pope also called for international treaties that would pressure the affluent countries to help poorer ones adapt, including a move to help them switch from fossil fuels to clean energies such as solar power. Thus he stated in *Laudato Si'* 53 that the "establishment of a legal framework which can set clear boundaries and ensure the protection of ecosystems has become indispensable."

Like President Obama, the Pope links the issue of global climate change with the need for the rich nations to help poor ones.

In the Pope's words: "*The people who have done the least to cause this [climate change] suffer the most. That should, if nothing else, give weight to the argument that the [Northern Hemisphere] must shift serious resources to the poor world.*"

## The POPE VISITS the WHITE HOUSE

On September 23, 2015, in the midst of a pomp, circumstance and fanfare such as had never been seen before in the welcome of any head of state, with flags of the United States and the Holy See waving side by side in the wind, President Obama referred to the Pope as 'the holy father' and warmly welcomed him to the White House.

After the welcoming ceremony, the Pope had a private audience with President Obama in the White House. The talking points were not a secret. President Obama had already notified the press that two of the main topics to be discussed would be global climate change and world poverty, themes

that he passionately shares with the Pope. There is no indication that the Pope addressed the issues of abortion or gay marriage with president Obama for reasons that are quite obvious. The Pope did not want to wear out his welcome from the start by addressing topics on which he and President Obama might disagree!

Although the Pope was virtually mum on the social issues that have galvanized the papacy with conservative Protestants, there is persuasive evidence that he still believes in these issues but did not want to alienate the secular minded. In good Jesuit fashion he straddled the fence on the controversial issues.

On the one hand the Pope met with and warmly received a long time gay friend and his partner. On the other hand, after the Pope left the United States it was discovered that he had also met secretly at the Vatican Embassy in Washington D.C., with Kim Davis, the Pentecostal county clerk from Kentucky who refused to perform a gay marriage and was jailed for five days. Miss Davis described the encounter: "*I put my hand out and he reached and he grabbed it, and I hugged him and he hugged me ... I had tears coming out of my eyes, I'm just a nobody, so it was really humbling to think he would want to meet or know me.*"

According to Miss Davis' attorney, Pope Francis gave her rosaries and told her to 'stay strong.' The Pope also met with the Little Sisters of the Poor who have sued President Obama over the federal government's contraception mandate in the Affordable Care Act.

Conservative syndicated columnist George Will was correct when he explained the reason for the change in the papacy's **public** talking points: "As

separation of church and state? On what constitutional basis can senators and congressmen be encouraged by the Pope to implement the moral teaching of the Roman Catholic papacy? And if the United States follows the counsel of the Pope and signs an international climate agreement in Paris, how would this not be an establishment of the religious and moral teaching of the Roman Catholic papacy, particularly considering that the Pope's encyclical

is loaded with religious language?

### ADDRESS to the UNITED NATIONS

On September 24, 2015 the Pope presented an address to the United Nations General Assembly where the greatest number of political leaders in the history of the world were present. Among other things, the speech encouraged world leaders to establish legislation to address the problem of global climate change and world poverty. In fact, in his encyclical the Pope had already suggested that in order for these problems to be solved, 'models of production and consumption' and 'established structures of power that today govern societies' needed to change profoundly! (*Laudato Si'* 5) Once again, Roman Catholic conservative flagship subjects such as gay marriage and abortion were summarily passed over for obvious reasons—no need to alienate those of a secular mentality before they are fully on board!

In the very place where the founding documents of the United States were ratified, stood a man whose kingdom stands in direct and radical conflict with every principle of our Constitution.

*the world spurns his church's teachings about abortion, contraception, divorce, same-sex marriage and other matters, Francis jauntily makes his church **congruent** with the **secular religion** of 'sustainability.'*"

### JOINT SESSION of CONGRESS

On September 24, for the first time in the history of the United States, a Roman Catholic Pope addressed a joint session of Congress, whose members are sworn to uphold the Constitution and Bill of Rights. What did the Pope say to Congress? The answer was there for all to see. As expected, he lectured politicians about their duty to serve for 'the common good', the dangers and woes of unrestrained capitalism, the need to address climate change and to redistribute the world's goods among all of God's creatures for the 'common good'.

By the way, how was this address to Congress not an infringement of the

### The POPE in PHILADELPHIA

On September 25-27 the Pope was in Philadelphia, the cradle of the founding documents of the United States—the *Declaration of Independence*, the *Constitution* and the *Bill of Rights*. The choice of location was **not coincidental**. In the **very place** where these founding documents were ratified, stood a man whose kingdom stands in direct and radical conflict with 'every principle of our Constitution'!

The papacy's sordid history clearly reveals that its foundation and source of power lies on the union of church and state. It matters not that the papacy is losing droves of members to the Protestant churches in Latin America or that only a sliver of the population in western Europe regularly attend church. The power of the papacy resides not so much in the number of its members but rather in the maneuvering of its hierarchy in every country of the globe. What many fail to understand is that the word 'papacy' does not refer to the Roman Catholic Church as a religious entity. It is rather a code word for a system that unites church and state and whose leader, in union with the Council of Bishops, claims to have the divine right to global jurisdiction, in both religious and secular matters. Little does the world realize what the ultimate aspirations of the papacy really are—global dominion with an iron fist!

Ellen White warned long ago: "*By the decree of enforcing the institution of the Papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself*

*fully from righteousness ... [when] our country shall **repudiate every principle of its Constitution** as a Protestant and Republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of **papal falsehoods and delusions**, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan, and that the end is near.*" (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, volume 5, p. 451)

It is estimated that some one million people attended an outdoor mass in Philadelphia on Sunday, September 27. As I watched the scene it reminded me of Daniel 3 where all of the great world leaders, in the midst of much fanfare and music, bowed before the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Revelation 13:3 describes the parallel scene at the end of time when 'all the world marveled and followed the beast' and worshiped his image (Revelation 13:3).

### PARIS CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT

The next step in the climate change and poverty strategy of the papacy will be when the Pope attends a meeting of world leaders in Paris in December to discuss global climate change and to make specific recommendations to address the problem. The 'save the planet' crusade will provide a perfect forum at that time to encourage the world to set aside Sunday as a means of giving the environment and the oppressed poor a rest and to allow families time to gather together for worship! Will it happen in Paris? No one knows, but sooner or later it will happen!

## REDISTRIBUTING the WEALTH

This leads us to look more closely at the Pope's second talking point that has strongly resonated with world leaders. The Pope has continually lectured the capitalist nations of the northern hemisphere to redistribute the wealth of the world evenly in order to abolish poverty for 'the common good'. This ideal is socialism pure and simple, but not a socialism of the atheistic type but rather a religio-political socialism under the 'moral' leadership of the papacy. It is actually a not-too-subtle war on capitalism and the middle class, a call for opulent nations to spread the wealth. The end result, as the Cuban and Venezuelan experiment has shown, will not be that all nations will have equal riches but rather that all will share the same poverty with a small rich elite at the top! This papal strategy of 'spreading the wealth', that began slowly in modern times with Pope Leo XIII's encyclical, *Rerum Novarum* (a Christianized version of Marxism), has accelerated to blinding speed in our time, especially among liberal politicians.

The ideal of a classless society where all share equally in the world's goods is a great idea, but in a selfish world it is an unreachable goal. In fact, Jesus, who said that 'the poor you will always have with you', openly contradicted this socialistic ideal. And Ellen White categorically affirms that poverty tests the faith of the poor and the stewardship of the rich: "*It was **not the purpose of God** that poverty should ever leave the world. The ranks of society were **never to be equalized**; for the diversity of con-*

*ditions that characterizes our race is one of the means by which God has designed to **prove and develop character**. Many have urged with **great enthusiasm** that all men should have an **equal share** in the temporal blessings of God; but this was **not the purpose of the Creator** ... It would be the **greatest misfortune** that has ever befallen mankind if all were to be placed upon an **equality in worldly possessions**." (Counsels on Health, p. 230)*

## The REASON for ECOLOGICAL CARE

The Pope's view on these matters leads us to ask: Is the Pope on target when he encourages humans to care for the environment, to help the poor and to focus on the family unit? Doesn't the Bible itself enjoin us to do such things? Of course it does! We can certainly agree with the Pope concerning the importance of prioritizing these matters.

But the question that should engage us is this: Why should these issues be a primary concern to all of us? Psalm 24:1, 2 provides the answer: "*The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein, for He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the waters.*"

The Bible explains that we are to care for the earth and those who dwell therein because they are not ours. The apostle Paul expressed the principle well when he reminded us that we are not our own (1 Corinthians 6:19). Human abuse of the environment and the poor who dwell therein is due to the fact that humanity has **forgotten** that

the earth and its inhabitants belong to God, not to us. And what has caused this tragic amnesia? The answer is that humanity has cast aside God's weekly reminder of creation—the seventh-day Sabbath. The fourth commandment, spoken by God in the midst of thunder and lightning on Mt. Sinai and written with His own finger states:

*"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but **the seventh day is the Sabbath** of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested **the seventh day**. Therefore the Lord **blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it**." Exodus 20:8-11*

In short, God created our earthly **environment**, its **inhabitants** (human and animal) and the **family unit** in six literal days and then left us a perpetual sign of His creative power by resting on the seventh day. Exodus 20:11, which echoes Genesis 2:2, 3, does not instruct us to rest **one day** in seven or **every** seventh day. The word 'seventh' in Hebrew is preceded by the definite article. It is **THE** seventh day that commemorates creation, not the first day or just any day!

Why should we care for our earthly home? Because God made it in six days and it is His! Why should the sanctity of marriage and the family be safeguarded? Because God created them on the sixth day! Why should we care

for the less fortunate by taking them in and sharing 'our' goods with them? Because we all descend from the original pair and all have one blood (Acts 17:26). We are all members of the same family by creation, and therefore we must care for one another.

## The DAYS of CREATION

And here is another important question: What was the length of each day of creation? The book of Genesis indisputably affirms that each day consisted of 24 hours, just as we experience them today, and there is no evidence whatsoever that the weekly cycle has ever been broken. The Biblical testimony clearly reveals that our earthly home and its inhabitants did not come into existence over millions/billions of years for we are told that God "*spoke and it was done, He commanded and it stood fast*" (Psalm 33:9) and that every day had 'an evening and a morning' which would be absurd if the days lasted long periods of time.

After working six **literal** days, God looked upon what He had made, and it was very good (Genesis 1:31). God then rested on the **literal** seventh day, and made it holy, setting it apart as a perpetual memorial of creation. In this way, the seventh day Sabbath stands or falls on the literalness of the days of creation. If the days of creation were vast periods of time, the Sabbath institution evaporates in a mist.

The fourth commandment makes absolutely no sense if the days of creation lasted millions or billions of years. How could God ask man to work six days and rest on the seventh

as He did at creation if the days were not literal just as we know them today? Clearly, the seventh day Sabbath is rooted in a literal creation and is part of God's original plan for the human race before sin and death. It was neither Jewish nor temporary!

#### BOTTOM LINE:

- God created the **environment**, and we should care for it.
- God created the family unit of husband, wife and children, and we should care for it.
- God created all **human beings**—we are all of one blood—and we should care for one another.
- The **sign** that reminds us of all this is the **seventh-day Sabbath**.

### SIN and REDEMPTION

But the seventh-day Sabbath has another dimension. The book of Genesis describes a **literal** fall of **literal** Adam and **literal** Eve in a **literal** and perfect Garden of Eden. The fall infected the entire human race and made it necessary for Jesus, the Creator, to become flesh in order to **restore** the perfect creation that had been lost. Thus a literal creation, a literal fall and a literal redemption are indissolubly linked.

It was on the evening portion of Friday, (our Thursday evening) the sixth day, that Jesus, when He was about to finish His work of redemption, prayed to His father, “I have **finished** the work that you gave me to do” (John 17:4). Later, in the afternoon of the same day, Jesus cried out on the cross ‘it is finished’. Thus the provision for redemp-

tion was finished **on the sixth day** just as He finished His creative work on the sixth day.

After crying out, ‘it is finished,’ Jesus was removed from the cross, placed in Joseph’s tomb, and then **His body rested** on the Sabbath as a sign of the completion of His works of redemption (Acts 2:25-27). And, while Jesus rested in the tomb on the Sabbath (Acts 2:25-27), His followers outside the tomb “rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment” (Luke 24:56). Thus the seventh-day Sabbath, that was originally a sign of creation, now took on an **added dimension** and became a sign of **redemption**. According to the apostle Paul, redemption is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17).

### CARING for the NEEDY

Pope Francis has underlined that Sunday, the **first day of the week**, should be the day on which to alleviate the suffering of the less fortunate. In contrast, Jesus chose the **seventh-day Sabbath** to especially alleviate the suffering of the less fortunate—the weak, the poor, the maimed, the demon-possessed and the hungry. Why did Jesus choose the seventh-day Sabbath as the special day to help the needy? Was He breaking the Sabbath? No. The fact is that Jesus recognized that all creatures were made in His image, and therefore the strong should help the weak. Thus the Sabbath was a sign of solidarity between the ‘haves’ and the ‘have nots’.

Helping the less fortunate on the seventh-day Sabbath was not an innovation by Jesus. Already in the Old Testament God had indicated that the



Sabbath was a day to give rest to servants, strangers and even the beasts of burden! (Exodus 20:9, 10; Exodus 23:12) The prophet Isaiah described the Sabbath as a day to ‘loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free’, and to ‘break every yoke’. It was a day to share ‘bread with the hungry’, to bring into our house ‘the poor and the outcast,’ to cover the naked, and to not hide ourselves from our own flesh (Isaiah 58:6, 7). Thus what Jesus did on the seventh-day Sabbath was perfectly in line with the Old Testament!

### The BIBLE VIEW of the END

The Bible does not present an evolutionary scenario of the beginning or of the end. It does not teach that through

a process of macroevolution the world will get better and better and finally reach the ‘Omega Point’ of the ‘Grand Design’. Neither does it teach that the world will come to an end because of climate change that is caused by a systemic abuse of the ecosystem.

The Bible scenario of end-time events on this planet is pessimistic rather than optimistic. At the very end of human history, just before the coming of Jesus, the planet will wax old and unravel at the seams (Isaiah 24:1-6). The world will be as it

was in the days of Noah where ‘every intent of the heart of man was only evil continually’ (Genesis 6:5). It will be like Sodom where the men of the city wished to have homosexual relations with the angels (Genesis 19:5; Luke 17:28-30). Men’s hearts will fail them for fear as they see the calamities that are falling upon the earth (Luke 21:26). There will be wars and rumors of wars as nation rises against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines, pestilences, earthquakes and tumults (Matthew 24:6-8; Luke 21:9). Humans with the form of godliness will be lovers of themselves that will lead to a large catalog of sins (2 Timothy 3:1-5). The world will reach the degenerate condition that is described in Romans 1:18-32. All these things will occur, not

because of climate change but because of the iniquity of humanity (Matthew 24:6-8; Isaiah 24:5).

We have been told that “*Satan works through the elements*” and can cause “*fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes*” and that these “*visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous.*” (Great Controversy, pp. 589, 590) The family unit will disintegrate and parents will hate children and children parents (Luke 21:16). The poor will be oppressed by the capitalist overlords and will cry out to God for justice (James 5:1-8; Revelation 18:6-24). Satan’s agenda in these ever increasing calamities will be to finally blame the global meltdown on God’s faithful people (Matthew 24:9). In fact, Ellen White explains that the final step in the process of the Devil’s end game will be to “*persuade men that those who serve God are causing these evils.*” (The Great Controversy, pp. 589, 590)

As things get progressively worse and a time of trouble such as never has been seen ensues (Matthew 24:21, 22), the rebellious and disobedient world will be led by their religious and political leaders to believe that by enforcing Sunday observance and by rooting out those who keep the Sabbath, prosperity will return to the earth and there will be an era of peace and harmony. But instead, the Sunday law will bring about a global apostasy that will finally bring ruin upon creation rather than healing (Isaiah 24:6). The blame that Ahab cast upon Elijah for the ecological upheaval in Israel is a microcosm of what will occur on a global scale at the end.

With regards to the United States, Ellen White has warned: “*The people of the United States have been a favored people; but when they restrict religious liberty, surrender Protestantism, and give countenance to popery, the measure of their guilt will be full, and ‘national apostasy’ will be registered in the books of heaven. The result of this apostasy will be national ruin.*” (Review and Herald, May 2, 1893)

The papacy’s call for the nations to address climate change, the disintegration of the family and world poverty (including immigration) is merely dealing with a **symptom**. Ellen White explained that the **primary cause** of global climate change and natural disasters is not things such as fossil fuels and cutting down forests but rather the wickedness of man in trampling upon God’s Law: “*The restraining Spirit of God is even now being withdrawn from the world. Hurricanes, storms, tempests, fire and flood, disasters by sea and land, follow each other in quick succession. Science seeks to explain all these. The signs thickening around us, telling of the near approach of the Son of God, are attributed to any other than the true cause. Men cannot discern the sentinel angels restraining the four that they shall not blow until the servants of God are sealed; but when God shall bid His angels loose the winds, there will be such a scene of strife as no pen can picture.*” (Testimonies to the Church, vol. 6, p. 408)

But the Bible story of the end does not **ultimately** conclude on a pessimistic note. It teaches that history, as we presently know it, will end with

the literal, glorious, personal, rapid, second coming of Jesus (Titus 2:11-14; Matthew 24:29, 30) to take His faithful children to heaven for a thousand years (John 14:1-3) during which the earth will return to the condition that it was in before creation week—without form and void and in darkness (Jeremiah 4:23-27).

After the millennium God will then recreate the earth in **six literal days** and rest the **seventh literal day** as He did at the beginning, and then God’s people will live securely and peacefully in a perfect sinless world forever where Jesus will reign forever and ever.

As a weekly commemoration of God’s creative power, His people will come to God’s throne on the weekly seventh day Sabbath to worship Him: “*For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before Me, says the Lord, so shall your descendants and your name remain. And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, says the Lord.*” (Isaiah 66:22, 23)

### The PAPACY’S VIEW of BEGINNINGS

The papacy’s view of beginnings is radically different. According to recent popes (primarily after Pope Pius XII, 1939-1958), life on earth came into existence by a Big Bang and then evolved over millions of years. According to this view, at some point in the evolutionary process God gave a well-developed simian a human soul and this marked the beginning of the evolutionary develop-

ment of *Homo sapiens*. Roman Catholic popes and theologians, primarily after the time of Jesuit Paleontologist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, teach that the story of creation cannot be taken literally; it is a symbolic myth. Thus the Pope in his encyclical refers to the language in the creation story as ‘symbolic narrative’. In the papacy’s view, **God used evolution** as the mechanism to bring into existence what we see in the world today.

Pope John Paul II, in a speech to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences in 1996, had already referred to evolution as ‘more than a theory’: “*Today, almost half a century after the publication of the encyclical (Pope Pius XII, Humane Generis, 1950), new knowledge has led to the recognition of the theory of evolution as more than a hypothesis. It is indeed remarkable that this theory has been progressively accepted by researchers, following a series of discoveries in various fields of knowledge. The convergence, neither sought nor fabricated, of the results of work that was conducted independently is in itself a significant argument in favor of the theory.*”

In typical Jesuit fashion, Pope Francis I has also attempted to **reconcile** the creation story with the evolutionary theory by synthesizing them. In this way he has attempted to please, both theologians and naturalist scientists, the secular and the religious. In his own words: “*The Big Bang, which today we hold to be the origin of the world, does not contradict the intervention of the divine creator but, rather, requires it ... Evolution in nature is not inconsistent with the notion of cre-*

ation, because **evolution requires the creation** of beings that **evolve**. When we read about Creation in Genesis, we run the risk of imagining **God was a magician**, with a magic wand able to do everything. But that is not so ... He created human beings and **let them develop** according to the **internal laws** that he gave to each one so they would **reach their fulfillment ...**"

world.’ (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, *Dignity and Duties of the Priest* or Selva, pp. 33-34)

What the Pope fails to describe in his statements is the cruel and disgusting mechanism of evolution. Scientist Frank L. Marsh explained it this way: “Evolution presents a **bloody, ruthless struggle** for existence from the very beginning, where there is **much waste** of living substance and many **false starts and blind alleys**.” (Here I Stand, p. 277)

The process of evolution functions on the basis of natural selection, the survival of the fittest. The strong survive and the weak pass away until all the errors of the evolutionary process are ironed out. Does this sound like a wise Creator? Is this the God

who cares for the sparrow (Luke 12:6), dresses the lilies of the field in their beauty and has the hairs of our heads numbered (Matthew 10:30)?

This method of trial and error with suffering and death is a direct attack against the **omnipotence** of God and His wisdom. Are the power of God and His wisdom so limited that He could not get things right **the first time** but rather had to use a method of false starts to weed out the imperfections in the course of hundreds of millions or even billions of years? Evolution also strikes directly against God’s **love and goodness**. How could a God of love witness the cruel suffering of His creation over millions of years even

before sin entered the universe? What authority would God have to tell us to be kind to the lower life forms and the less fortunate if He Himself showed such a crass disregard for them in the supposed process of evolution?

The Bible describes a literal and **unbroken chain of events**. If one link is broken the entire chain falls apart:

[1] Adam and Eve were **literal persons** whom God **created perfect** and placed in the literal Garden of Eden just like Genesis says.

[2] Adam and Eve were **literally** tempted by a **literal** serpent and had a **literal fall** into sin.

[3] Once the virus of sin came in, it infected **every literal descendant** of Adam and Eve.

[4] Death **came in** upon all men as a **consequence** of sin.

[5] Because of sin and death, humanity needs a **Redeemer** who will make it possible to bring the **world** back to its original perfect condition where there is no sin and death.

Think about it: If there was death in the world long before sin, then the link between sin and death and redemption is broken—death would not come as a result of sin. Thus the **link** between **creation and redemption** is broken because the purpose of redemption in the Bible is deliverance from death.

Roman Catholic theologian, Karl Schmits-Moorman, was brutally honest when he wrote about the link between a literal fall into sin followed by death and making necessary redemption from sin and death: “The notion of the

traditional view of redemption as reconciliation and ransom from the consequences of Adam’s fall **is nonsense** for anyone who knows about the evolutionary background to human existence in the modern world.” (*Creation, Catastrophe and Redemption*, p. 112)

Further, he states that because in his view the story of Genesis is not literal, salvation “cannot mean returning to an original state, but must be conceived as **perfecting through the process of evolution**.”

The question that begs to be asked is this: In this scenario, how much longer must creation wait before the process of evolution reaches its ‘omega point’, to use the words of Chardin? Will it take millions of years? Billions? How many millions/billions of years must we wait for **lambs and wild beasts** to live together in harmony and for wars to cease? (Isaiah 11:6; 65:25) How much longer must creation cry out in pain for its deliverance? (Romans 8:22, 23) The evolutionary scenario certainly doesn’t offer us much hope for an imminent coming of Jesus to quickly make **all things new!** Will change take place over vast periods of time or will it be ‘in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye?’ (1 Corinthians 15:52) Clearly, our view of how things began will certainly impact our view of how things will end.

## EVOLUTION and the SABBATH

It has become common for Roman Catholic theologians (and some Evangelical and Adventist ones as well!) to refer to the stories of Genesis 1-11 as **non-historical legends**. What would



The Pope’s remark that we should not conceive of God as ‘a magician, with a magic wand able to do everything’ is interesting, especially in light of the fact that the papacy teaches that the priest at each Mass is able to transubstantiate the bread and wine into the real body and blood of Jesus instantaneously!! In Roman Catholic theology, it does not take millions or billions of years for *this* to happen, it occurs the instant the priest speaks the words ‘hoc est corpus meum’. In fact, St. Bernardine of Sienna affirmed that in the transubstantiation of the bread the priest can be regarded “the creator of his Creator because the act requires as much power as the creation of the

happen with the Sabbath if the story of creation did not literally take place just as Genesis describes it? The answer is inescapable. If the days of creation were not literal 24 hour days then the seventh was not either, and the Sabbath as a perpetual weekly memorial of a loving, wise and omnipotent creator, evaporates!

Actually, Francis' concept of beginnings is incongruous with his expressed desire to address climate change, family values and the plight of the poor. Why should we respect creation if it has evolved over millions of years and is still in the process of evolving? If, by a process of natural selection or the survival of the fittest, the strong survive and the weak disappear, why should we help the underdog? Why should the 'haves' be concerned about those who 'have not'? Is it not the mechanism of evolution that the strong thrive and the weak disappear? Only when we realize that all persons are God's creatures, created originally and literally in the image of God, will we feel the desire to care for them and provide for their needs. Further, if the creation story did not literally take place, how can we argue that families should have a father and a mother rather than two fathers or two mothers?

The papacy claims that climate change is caused by human activity and must be resolved by mere human methods such as conservation, recycling, eliminating fossil fuels and international laws and treaties adopted in response to the moral voice of the Roman Catholic papacy. We know that one of those international laws will eventually be mandatory Sunday rest.

This law will presumably give a rest to the environment, provide family time for worship, help people connect with their spiritual roots and give the poor a rest from the endless capitalist cycle of work. This, in turn, will supposedly bring in the long expected millennium of peace and prosperity under the moral leadership of the papacy guiding the civil powers of the world. Thus, in this misguided scenario, the planet will have reached the ending point of the 'Grand Design'.

### *The* ROMAN CATHOLIC VIEW of the END

Can we expect a rapid, supernatural end to human history with an evolutionary model? Impossible! If the original creation was not supernatural, rapid, literal, and perfect could we expect that when God creates a new heaven and a new earth it will be so? The papacy's view of the end is compromised by its view of the beginning. How many more millions of years must we wait for the process of evolution to work out its quirks, wrinkles and flaws?

For Roman Catholic theologians and popes, the Blessed Hope of the Church is not found in the second coming of Jesus. The goal is for the papacy to take over the kingdoms of this world by joining church and state in order to establish a theocratic kingdom where the church will control and provide moral guidance to the state. I ask: How many times did you hear John Paul II refer to the second coming as the Great Hope of the Church? And how about Francis I?

The Reformed scholar Harold Rob-

bins explains the objectives of the papacy: "What the Roman Catholic Church-State accomplished on a small scale during the Middle Ages is what it desires to achieve on a global scale in the coming millennium." (John W. Robbins, Ecclesiastical Megalomania, p. 187, 1999)

There is nothing new under the sun! This theocratic experiment has been tried once before during the 1,260 years of papal dominion in Europe and failed miserably, bringing about misery, disease, suffering, poverty, civil war, squalor, strife and martyrdom that eventually culminated in the French Revolution. What makes us think that the papacy will do any better on a global scale?

Since the times of St. Augustine, the Roman Catholic Church has taught that the stone that hits the feet of the image in Daniel 2 does not represent the second coming of Jesus; it rather represents the papacy taking over the reins of the secular powers of the world to establish Christ's universal kingdom of peace on earth. It is a sobering fact that on the Mount of Temptation, Satan offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and He rejected them but Satan offered the papacy those same kingdoms and the papacy accepted the offer.

What is the papacy's ultimate goal in all of this discussion on climate change, family values and helping the poor? We can tell by the catchwords and expressions the papacy has used to address these issues. The key words and expressions that appear repeatedly are, 'the common good' (individualism is an enemy to be dreaded), 'solidarity' (we are all in this together so we

must all unite in one ecumenical body: "We require a new and universal solidarity." Laudato Si' 14), 'subsidiarity' (our personal interests are subsidiary to the common good), and 'the common destination of goods' (property is not personal but belongs to all of humanity according to need). Time and again, popes, conciliar documents and theologians have used these words and expressions.

Let's take a look at a few of them. Pope Benedict XVI in his 2009 encyclical, Caritas in Veritate made a chilling suggestion: "There is urgent need of a true world political authority, as my predecessor Blessed John XXIII indicated some years ago. Such an authority would need to be regulated by law, to observe consistently the principles of subsidiarity and solidarity, to seek to establish the common good, and to make a commitment to securing authentic integral human development inspired by the values of charity in truth. Furthermore, such an authority would need to be universally recognized and to be vested with the effective power to ensure security for all, regard for justice, and respect for rights."

Something similar is stated in The Compendium of Catholic Social Doctrine, section 173: "If it is true that everyone is born with the right to use the goods of the earth, it is likewise true that, in order to ensure that this right is exercised in an equitable and orderly fashion, regulated interventions are necessary, interventions that are the result of national and international agreements, and a juridical order that adjudicates and specifies the exercise of this right."

The question is: Which ‘world political authority’ was Pope Benedict referring to? Pope Pius XI in his encyclical *Quadragesimo Anno* had already provided the answer: “*That principle which Leo XIII so clearly established must be laid down at the outset here, namely, that there resides in Us [in the Papacy] the right and duty to pronounce with supreme authority upon social and economic matters.*” (Pope Pius XI, *Encyclical Quadragesimo Anno*, May 15, 1931, paragraph 41)

The papacy’s end-time scenario is radically different than the Biblical one. As we have previously seen, the Bible portrays a pessimistic end-time scenario. The earth will grow old (Isaiah 24:4, 5), and there will be earthquakes, famines, pestilence, social unrest and wars that will lead to a tribulation such as there has never been (Matthew 24:6-8). The abomination of desolation—a universal Sunday law—will be set up, and God’s people will be hated and persecuted by all nations. Toward the end of the Great Tribulation the seven last plagues will decimate the earth and second coming of Jesus will reduce the planet to the way it was before creation week—dark, empty, disorderly and uninhabitable (Matthew 24:29, 30; John 14:1-3; Titus 2:13; 2 Peter 3). The angels will then gather up God’s elect and take them to heaven (Matthew 24:29, 30; John 14:1-3) for a thousand years after which He will create a New Heavens and a New Earth.

In contrast, the papacy sees a potentially brilliant future for the planet under its ‘moral’ leadership. In its view, human ingenuity and international

laws will be able to solve the planet’s problems and the kingdom of God will be established on earth with the papacy serving as the ‘moral voice’ for the nations of the world. Thus Pope Francis, in his speech to the United Nations stated: “*Among other things, human genius, well applied, will surely help to meet the grave challenges of ecological deterioration and of exclusion [of the poor].*”

The papacy believes that this theocracy will bring about the long awaited millennium of peace and prosperity for all. You see, for the papacy, this world is our permanent home, an idea that contradicts the Bible. According to Scripture, we are strangers and pilgrims on this earth. The heavenly city is our home (Hebrews 11:13-16). Our citizenship is in heaven from where we expect Jesus at His second coming (Philippians 3:20). Is it any coincidence that the wicked in Revelation are portrayed as the ‘earth dwellers’, which are glued to this planet?

The Pope has linked these three causes to captivate the world: Climate change, poverty and family. And he has linked all three with Sunday sacredness. According to the Pope, capitalism has enslaved the poor and deprived them of necessary rest and therefore international governments should draw up laws that would pressure private enterprise to give them a Sunday rest. This has already been done in the Pope’s native Argentina and there is great pressure to do the same in the European union.

The Pope has further argued that Capitalist countries have spoiled the environment and the poor countries

have suffered as a result and therefore the rich nations should financially compensate the poor ones. And the Pope has indicated that Sunday is a magnificent way to let the environment rest by stopping the exploitation of nature for one day of the seven. He has further stated that capitalism treats human beings like machines and deprives them of the opportunity to gather with their families for Sunday Mass and spiritual enrichment.

As a biblical foundation for his ‘save the planet crusade’, the Pope appeals in his encyclical to the pattern of the seven-day weekly cycle, the seven-year Sabbatical year and the 49 year of the Jubilee. This is all fine and dandy except for the fact that in all these cycles it was THE SEVENTH in the sequence, not the first when the people were to rest, the debts of the poor were to be forgiven, the captives were to be released and the fields left fallow to rest. The Bible clearly indicates that the seventh-day Sabbath is the day to let the environment rest, the day for work to cease so that man can spend time with God and family and a day to give the poor a break from the rat race of work. The Pope’s idea is great but he has the wrong day!

On August 19, 2015 at his weekly general audience Pope Francis spoke about the need for days of rest, especially Sunday celebrations of Mass and time with the family, because they are important reminders that every human being is made in the image and likeness of God and is not a ‘slave to work.’ Even a superficial reader of the Genesis story will discern a serious

disconnect between the Pope’s counsel and the creation story. How can the Pope appeal for Sunday rest based on the creation story when the story clearly states that the seventh day Sabbath is the commemorative day of rest?

On what authority could Pope John Paul II boldly state in paragraph 14 of his Pastoral Letter *Dies Domini* that Sunday should be kept because God blessed it and made it holy? In his own words: “*Sunday is the day of rest because it is the day ‘blessed’ by God and ‘made holy’ by him, set apart from the other days to be, among all of them, ‘the Lord’s Day.’*”

Where on earth do we find that God blessed the first day, made it holy, and set it apart as the Lord’s Day? The answer is nowhere! It is simply a fabrication based on human tradition. Well did Jesus say “*in vain do they worship me teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.*” (Mark 7:7)

According to Pope Francis, in a radio address on August 12, 2015: “*The obsession with economic profit and technical efficiency puts the human rhythms of life at risk. Moments of rest, especially on Sunday, are sacred because in them we find God. The Sunday Eucharist brings to our celebrations every grace of Jesus Christ: his presence, his love and his sacrifice; his forming us into a community, and his way of being with us.*”

There is no evidence in Scripture that Jesus established the Sunday Eucharist. Jesus did establish the Lord’s Supper, but it was on a Thursday evening! If Jesus intended His followers to celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday, why did He institute the Lord’s Supper on Thursday eve-

**ning?** Jesus certainly did not celebrate it with His disciples on resurrection Sunday because He had already told them on Thursday evening that he would not drink the cup again with them until He entered His kingdom. If Jesus had wanted His disciples to celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday, He could have celebrated it with His disciples on Sunday night. After all, His blood had been shed and His body had been broken. But what Jesus ate was part of a honeycomb and a portion of a broiled fish (Luke 24:36-43).

In a somewhat pantheistic conclusion, Pope Francis ends his encyclical by appealing to the Mass, Sunday, the Trinity and the intercession of Mary. There is much truth in the encyclical but it is laced with error. If you drink 100,000 parts of water mixed with one part of cyanide, it will kill you. A great degree of truth laced with a slender part of error can be spiritually deadly.

## DECEPTIVE SYSTEM

Why are so many clergymen and politicians in the Christian world wondering after the papal system? The reason is that they have chosen to cast aside the lurid history of the papacy, either because of ignorance or because they think that the system has changed. Many claim that the papacy of today is not the same papacy of the past. But in this they ignore the fact that the papacy itself claims that it does not change. Its motto is *Semper idem*, 'always the same'. But the simple fact is that the papacy cannot any more change its fundamental nature than a person can change his DNA. Persons may change their external appearance but their

DNA remains the same. Likewise, the papacy may give itself a facelift but underneath the change of appearance is the same DNA.

Ellen White has well described the deceptive nature of the papacy in The Great Controversy, p. 571: "*The papacy is just what prophecy declared that she would be, the apostasy of the latter times. 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4 It is a part of her policy to assume the character which will best accomplish her purpose; but beneath the variable appearance of the **chameleon** she conceals the invariable venom of the **serpent**.*"

A chameleon is a lizard that is able to change colors depending on the environment where it is found. In this way it is able to camouflage itself from its potential enemies. But despite the change in external color, a chameleon is a chameleon still! This is the way in which the papacy operates. On the surface it appears innocuous and charitable, but by its very nature, when it ascends to power, it is despotic, totalitarian and rules with an iron fist.

Many have pointed out that Jesuit Pope Francis I has exhibited great love for the destitute and outcasts of society. He washes the feet of prisoners, lives in humble quarters, drives an old beat up car, lays hands on children, hugs lepers, refuses to judge gays, speaks about love and peace and fights for the preservation of the environment. Above all, he defends the rights of the poor. This has led most of the world to have a positive image of the Roman Catholic system.

It is striking that what Francis does is quite similar to what Jesus did while He was on earth! This has led many to

conclude that he is the representative of Christ on earth. But it is really a masterful counterfeit. He who claims to be *Vicarius Filii Dei*, or *Vicarius Christi*, the one who claims to occupy the place of Jesus on earth, is actually the Man of Sin who "*sits in the temple of God [the church] claiming that he is God*" (2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4).

It is sobering to realize that Judas Iscariot also manifested a seeming interest in the poor! And Judas, who is called 'the Son of Perdition', wanted a temporal earthly kingdom and had his own colleagues fooled until the very end. Is it any surprise that the papacy is presently able to deceive almost the entire world? Is it any coincidence that 2 Thessalonians 2 refers to the papacy with the same name as Judas, 'the son of perdition'?

And remember that Pope Francis I is a member of the Jesuit Order. Regarding their mode of operation, Ellen White explains: "*When appearing as members of their order, they wore a **garb of sanctity, visiting prisons and hospitals, ministering to the sick and the poor, professing to have renounced the world, and bearing the sacred name of Jesus, who went about doing good. But under this blameless exterior the most criminal and deadly purposes were often concealed.***" (The Great Controversy, p. 235)

The papacy has not yet overtly brought its Sunday agenda openly to the forefront, for we are told that: "*The Sunday movement is now making its way in **darkness**. The leaders are **concealing** the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves*

*see whither the **undercurrent** is tending. Its professions are **mild and apparently Christian**, but when it shall speak it will reveal the spirit of the dragon.*" (Testimonies to the Church, vol. 5, p. 452)

## PROVIDENTIAL NAME

In the context of what I have written, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has special relevance for this time. Our very name was providentially chosen for a time such as this! Think of it. Our very name points us to a supernatural beginning and a supernatural end—creation in seven literal days and the second coming of Jesus!

The three angels' message has the same beginning and ending point. The first angel's message commands the entire world to worship the Creator (Revelation 14:7), and this directs our attention to the literal seven-day beginning. And immediately after the third message, Jesus is seen sitting on a cloud and coming to the earth pointing us to the second coming (Revelation 14:14). While the first angel's message commands us to worship the Creator, the third warns us not to worship the beast. Thus, worshiping the Creator and worshiping the beast are opposites. If the Sabbath is the sign of the true Creator, then the beast must have a day that is a counterfeit sign.

Ellen White was correct when she wrote: "*No name which we can take will be appropriate but that which **accords with our profession and expresses our faith** and **marks us a peculiar people**. The name Seventh-day Adventist is a **standing rebuke** to the Protestant world. Here is the line of distinction*

between the worshipers of God and those who worship the beast and receive his mark.” (Testimonies for the Church, pp. 223, 224)

And thus she warned: “*The people need to be aroused to resist the advances of this [the papacy’s] most dangerous foe to civil and religious liberty.*” (The Great Controversy, p. 566)

There is no other church in the world that claims that their mission is to reach the world with the three angels’ message. God knew that the remnant church needed to have a name that would distinguish it from the apostate triumvirate. Our very name is a witness and a rebuke to Catholicism, Protestantism and worldlings, and stands in contrast to their view of the beginning and the end.

### SECRETS UNSEALED’S TASK

From its very inception, Secrets Unsealed has committed itself to preaching the three angels’ message. We believe that our God-given duty is to call the world to worship the Creator and to shun the beast (the papacy), his image (the union of church and state in the United States), and his mark (enforced Sunday observance under the pretense of saving the planet). Pure and simple, this is the reason why we exist! Ellen White has written concerning the reason for our existence as a church: “*There is **no other work** of so great importance. They are to allow **nothing else** to absorb their attention.*” (Testimonies to the Church, vol. 9, p. 19)

As we have traveled to different places, many have expressed appreciation that we have kept the three angels’

logo on our exhibition booth, our letterhead, our newsletter and our fundraising letters.

Recently someone asked me somewhat sarcastically: If Secrets Unsealed is all about the three angels’ message why did you waste three years on the women’s ordination issue? My answer was swift: The first angel’s message calls us to worship the Creator and to return to His original Genesis plan. The Genesis plan includes the Sabbath, marriage, diet and the roles that God has assigned to men and women in the home and in the church. In fact, Paul directs us back to creation when he refers to the roles of men and women in the home and in the church (1 Timothy 2:12, 13; 1 Corinthians 11:1-11).

Further, the relationship between the Father and the Son in the Godhead is reflected in the relationship between Adam and Eve at creation (Genesis 1:26, 27). Thus the roles that God established at the beginning go to the very heart of the gospel. A Son equal with the Father and yet subject to His authority is reflected in the woman equal to the man but subject to his authority!

Ellen White has warned about the dangers that face the United States when it dabbles with the papacy: “*God’s word has given warning of the impending danger; let this be unheeded, and the Protestant world will learn what the purposes of Rome really are, only when it is too late to escape the snare [the USA is presently nibbling at the entrance to the snare smelling the delicious food inside. A snare is meant to deceive the victim into thinking that it is safe to eat the food].*” (The Great Controversy, p. 581)

### FLAWS OF FRANCIS’ ARGUMENTS

Although the Pope’s speeches, tweets and encyclical have much with which we can agree, there are several areas where we would disagree, and here are some of them:

**FIRST**, how can Pope Francis encourage us to care for God’s created order when he does not even believe that the creation story is literal?

**SECOND**, even if the Pope believed in a literal seven-day creation week (which he does not!) he has chosen the wrong day to commemorate it. The Bible is unambiguously clear that the day to allow the created order to rest is on the seventh-day Sabbath, not on Sunday!

**THIRD**, the motivation behind Francis’ call for his reforms is open to question. It seems like the ultimate objective of his climate change/family/poverty crusade is global control.

**FOURTH**, even though climate change, family and poverty are directly related to explosive population growth, the Pope simply brushes this factor aside because his church is opposed to birth control.

In paragraph 50 of his encyclical he reprimands those who claim that population growth is a significant factor in the crisis the world presently faces: “*Instead of resolving the problems of the poor and thinking of how the world can be different, some can only propose a reduction in the birth rate ... demographic growth is fully compatible with an integral and shared development. To blame population growth instead of extreme and selective consumerism on*

*the part of some, is one way of refusing to face the issues.*”

**FIFTH**, Pope Francis fails to address the impact of animal husbandry upon the environment. Some scientists esteem that more than 50% of the methane gas in the atmosphere comes from animal dung rather than fossil fuels. Furthermore, animal husbandry not only defiles the air we breathe but also the rivers and the oceans. If Francis is so concerned about the God’s creation plan, why not encourage everyone to become a vegan? What good is it to tell everyone in the Vatican to turn off lights and turn down the air conditioners and then be a voracious meat eater that keeps the meat-producers mass-producing animals that will defile the environment?

Finally, Francis lacks a clear concept of how things began and how they will end. The Bible states that things will wax worse and worse, and the second coming will be the only solution to the problem. The Pope, however, sees a great future for the planet under the ‘moral’ leadership of the papacy.

### TRUE MOTIVATIONS

What then can be done about the serious problems the world faces today? It all boils down to selfishness. Selfish people do not wish to care for the environment or share with the less fortunate. Until the root problem of selfishness is solved, the problems will not disappear. The socialistic ideal of Pope Francis would only work in a world of people who are other-centered.

After the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost 3,000 souls were

converted and baptized. In consequence we are told that *“all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need”* (Acts 2:44, 45).

Did the church encourage the Roman government to confiscate the goods of the wealthy to help the poor? Did the church encourage the Roman state to expropriate the lands of the rich to give to the poor? No! The common destination of goods for the common good flowed spontaneously from the hearts of converted people. It is not by legislative enactments of the United Nations that change will come in the world but rather by a change of human hearts.

Ellen White explains: *“The government under which Jesus lived was corrupt and oppressive; on every hand were crying abuses—extortion, intolerance, and grinding cruelty. Yet the Saviour attempted no civil reforms. He attacked no national abuses, nor condemned the national enemies. He did not interfere with the authority or administration of those in power. He who was our example kept aloof from earthly governments. Not because He was indifferent to the woes of men, but because the remedy did not lie in merely human and external measures. To be efficient, the cure must reach men individually, and must regenerate the heart.”* (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 509)

What is the cause of climate change and poverty? Pope Francis affirms that it is due, to a great degree, to human abuse of the environment. But is this the real cause or is he merely seeking to heal a symptom rather than the disease? Let's take an analogy. If someone

has a stroke someone might ask: What caused that stroke? The most likely answer is that it was caused by high blood pressure. But is that really the cause of the stroke? A better question would be: What caused the high blood pressure? Would it not be stress or the wrong diet?

The real problems that afflict the world are not poverty or climate change or the disintegration of the family. These are merely symptoms of the problem and the problem is human selfishness!

International treaties and laws will not solve the root problem. Uttering nice slogans and giving speeches won't do it either. Neither will scaring people with doomsday scenarios. To truly address the problem, the heart must be changed. And what changes the heart? A view of a wonderful, loving, good, generous Creator! A view of a Creator who was willing to come down and take our flesh to redeem our failure! And that God has given us a reminder of His creative and redemptive love—the Sabbath. The God who rested from His creative works on the Sabbath also rested from His redemptive works on the same day. And the observance of the same Sabbath is a prolepsis of the day when God will make a new heaven and a new earth and we will go to bow down before Him on a weekly basis as our marvelous Creator, Redeemer and Restorer.



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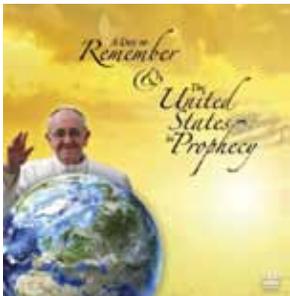
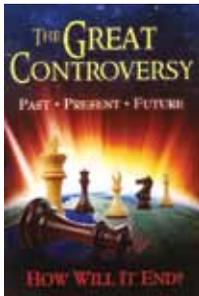
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# Mission Trip Report

The Pope's Visit to the United States



This past September during Pope Francis' visit to the United States, 97 volunteers distributed over 5,000 *Great Controversy* books and over 100,000 DVDs in Philadelphia.

Volunteers in New York handed out 8,000 DVDs while the Pope was at the United Nations.



One volunteer went into the restaurant (above image) to use the restroom and saw the DVD they were distributing already up on the widescreen television for everyone to see!



## DIVINE APPOINTMENTS were met!

Many people accepted the book and/or DVDs including nuns, priests, cardinals, monks, military, police, CIA/FBI type of personnel, and a multitude of people from all walks of life — rich and poor, young and old.

On two separate occasions and in two different parts of the city, Pastor Bohr met Joseph, a Catholic priest. The second time they providentially met, their conversation lasted for an hour if not two.



Pastor Bohr discussed the Scriptures, planted many seeds, and gave Joseph plenty to think about. Please pray for Joseph as he continues digging deeper into God's word and for every person in Philadelphia who accepted the materials. May God's Holy Spirit attend their reading, watching, and hearing of His word!





# magnesium

- ESSENTIAL FOR LIFE

by Milton Teske, MD

## The color of life on this earth is green.

The sky and sea are blue, but on land wherever there is life we find the earth is covered with green. Meadows and prairies are covered with a thick carpet of green grasses and plants of a thousand varieties. Hills, mountains and rain forests are all covered with trees and shrubs all clothed in various shades of green. This green is from a complex molecule we call **chlorophyll**.

Chlorophyll is a large, complex, ring-shaped molecule with an atom of magnesium at its active center. This molecule uses the magnesium to absorb blue and red light but it cannot absorb green light. Thus all the green light passes through the leaf or is reflected off of it giving it its green color.

But the energy contained in the blue and red light that it absorbed is transformed into chemical energy. A high-energy electron is passed through a

complex chain of reactions that split water molecules releasing oxygen. (This oxygen is the only source for all the oxygen in the air that sustains every form of animal life on this planet including our own.) But this light energy is then stored in high-energy chemical bonds in sugars and amino acids and many other organic molecules essential for all life on this earth.

The magnesium at the center of this life-sustaining miracle will thus be found in very high concentrations in the **leaves** of plants. It will also be concentrated in the **seeds** of plants where it is stored so that the new sprouting plant will have plenty of magnesium to make its own chlorophyll to get its new start in life. These leaves and seeds thus become the best source for the magnesium that is also so essential for the function of the human body.

Unfortunately, 75% of Americans do not consume even the FDA recommended minimum intake of magnesium in their diet. And of those who do, many other factors often deplete the magnesium, leaving the vast majority of Americans with an inadequate supply of magnesium in their bodies.

## Magnesium Inside Us

We use magnesium in every one of our cells for a multitude of different functions. There are over 300 enzymes that require a magnesium atom to be added as an essential part for them to function. Without the added magnesium, these enzymes are a worthless, non-functioning mass of protein. Magnesium closely interacts with phosphate, and is thus an essential part of all enzymes that control the production and function and handling of DNA and RNA in every cell. Without adequate magnesium, it becomes very difficult for these cellular control mechanisms to function properly.

ATP, the molecule of energy inside every cell, is not free floating but is actually chelated to an atom of magnesium. Thus, a depletion of magnesium in the cell depletes the availability of cellular energy.

## Magnesium and the Heart

Magnesium is necessary for all muscles to work properly. This includes that most important muscle in the center of your chest — the heart. A deficiency of magnesium can cause a worsening of congestive heart failure. It can cause or worsen cardiomyopathy. It can cause coronary vasospasm and acute chest

pain and heart attacks. It can lead to cardiac arrhythmias and sudden cardiac death. Doctors will frequently infuse 2g of magnesium sulfate IV to a heart attack victim to try to stabilize the myocardial membranes. Most all heart patients are seriously depleted in total body magnesium.

## Hypertension

The smooth muscle cells in the walls of blood vessels require a steady supply of magnesium to function properly. The contraction and relaxation of these muscles controls the blood pressure and the flow and distribution of blood throughout the body. Magnesium deficiency contributes to and worsens high blood pressure.

Incidentally the most common drug prescribed for high blood pressure (hydrochlorothiazide) is one of the worse culprits in depleting magnesium from the body by causing seriously large amounts of magnesium to be lost into the urine. All of the “water pills” have this effect on magnesium. Many other drugs also have a negative effect on total body magnesium levels.

## Diabetes

Persons with type two diabetes are universally found to be very low in total body magnesium. One large study showed that significant magnesium supplementation could help protect against type two diabetes and other studies have shown the benefits of magnesium in controlling blood sugar and insulin sensitivity in patients with diabetes and pre-diabetes.

## Fibromyalgia

Clinical studies have shown that magnesium can reduce the pain and tenderness associated with fibromyalgia. It can improve the muscle strength and function associated with many muscular diseases as well. One of the symptoms of significant magnesium deficiency is muscle spasm and cramping or tremors. If you have muscle spasms it could be a magnesium deficiency.

## Insomnia and the Brain

Magnesium is necessary for the proper function of the neurons in the brain and many brain functions will improve when total body magnesium deficits are corrected. One notable effect is seen on insomnia with many finding complete restoration of sound sleep. Magnesium helps both with falling asleep and then with staying asleep and normal deep sleep brain wave functions. For those who suffer from restless leg syndrome, magnesium can stop the muscle twitching or cramping that can interfere with sleep as well. Those suffering from migraine headaches have lower levels of magnesium than those who don't have these headaches.

There have been many studies that have shown the beneficial effects of magnesium on improving memory and learning. Magnesium L-threonate, a type of magnesium supplement, has been shown especially helpful in crossing the blood-brain barrier and supplying magnesium to the neurons in the brain. A condition sometimes occurring in late pregnancy called eclampsia can start with hypertension and prog-

ress into seizures. It is best treated with IV magnesium.

## Asthma

Almost every day in the ER where I work I will give an IV infusion of magnesium to a patient with a severe asthmatic attack with quite beneficial results. Low levels of magnesium have been found to be associated with an increased risk of developing asthma in both children and adults.

## Osteoporosis

60% of the magnesium in the body is incorporated into the bones of the skeleton. Magnesium, along with calcium and vitamin D, and many other factors are all essential for strong bone development and maintenance.

## Magnesium Depletion

Although 75% of us do not eat enough magnesium in our food, many who do eat the recommended amount are still seriously deficient because of magnesium depletion.

## Sodas and Absorption

Because sodas are high in phosphates that interact with magnesium, you can eat a meal high in magnesium and then follow it with a soda, and the phosphates in the soda will bind up the magnesium in the food, and the result is that you will absorb no magnesium from that meal.

## Stomach Acid is Essential

Good levels of hydrochloric acid in the stomach are essential for the digestion and absorption of magnesium. Anything that interferes with this process

will lead to lower body magnesium levels. Even drinking a large glass of water with a meal can dilute out this acid. But by far, the worst today is the use of antacids and acid blocking drugs. Today we consume huge amounts of Mylanta and Maalox for heartburn and indigestion as well as many acid blocking drugs. Tagamet, Zantac, Pepcid, Protonix, and many more, once prescription drugs, now most are available over the counter without a prescription. These medications block the production of stomach acid and effectively block the absorption of magnesium from our foods.

## Calcium Supplements

Calcium and magnesium use the same receptor mechanism in the intestines for absorption. So taking a calcium supplement can bind up all the sites blocking out the absorption of magnesium, further increasing magnesium depletion. If you must take a calcium supplement, it should be one that also contains magnesium at either a 2:1 (Ca:Mg) ratio or 1:1 ratio as some now recommend. Calcium and magnesium have equal and opposite effects in nerves and muscles and are both necessary in the proper proportions to counter balance each other for ideal function. (Green leaves have both calcium and magnesium in the proper proportions and are an excellent supplement for both.)

## Caffeine

Coffee, tea and many sodas contain caffeine that acts as a diuretic and will cause a large amount of magnesium to be lost from the body into the urine.

## Pastries, Cake, Cookies, Candies & Other Desserts

All of these desserts made with refined sugar and white flour contain zero magnesium. But because they all require the expenditure of vitamins and minerals in their digestion and utilization in the body they are actually anti-nutrients. Anti-nutrients are the empty foods we eat that actually consume more nutrients than they supply and thus cause nutrient deficiencies in us. So if you are regularly eating of these foods you are depleting your body's supply of magnesium.

## Stress Hormones

Stress releases into the blood the stress hormones cortisol and epinephrine. These hormones flooding the body after a physically or emotionally stressful event or continuously because of anxiety, guilt or resentment also cause the kidneys to dump large amounts of magnesium into the urine resulting in further magnesium depletion.

## Restoration

Of course the answer to most diseases is to come back to the original diet as given by God to man in the garden of Eden, a diet full of magnesium as well as every other essential nutrient. And of course we must eliminate as far as possible the refined, processed, empty, anti-nutrient foods that this world would have us eat. And remember that so many of the drugs that are prescribed by modern medicine are powerfully disruptive to the complexity and natural functioning of the human body that God designed. As we prepare for heaven, let us leave

the disease-causing dietary habits of this world of sin and transition to the diet of heaven.

But let us take a closer look at an often underappreciated gift given to us by God at the very first entrance of sin into this world. "And you shall eat the green herb of the field" Genesis 3:18. Here we find a powerful remedy prescribed for us by our Great Physician. In the green leaves of the plants of this world we find extremely high levels of many essential vitamins as well as high levels of magnesium. The guilt and stress of sin upon the human race would be a powerful magnesium depleting force upon the human body. And here we find from the very beginning, God points us to the healing remedy — a powerful magnesium supplement. While many herbs have powerful medicinal qualities as well, we must not overlook the powerful restorative force found in replenishing our depleted magnesium stores.

Serum magnesium levels only measure what is in the serum (0.3%). They do not measure total body magnesium levels (the other 99.7%). And so you cannot rely on a blood test to know the magnesium level in your body. If you have any disease symptoms we have talked about (or any of the hundreds more you can find on an Internet search) you are probably deficient. If your diet is less than ideal or if you have any of the depleting forces we have described, you are probably deficient. Consider supplementing your diet to

restore magnesium.

## Green Smoothies

There are many magnesium supplements available, and if you choose a supplement I would recommend one of the chelated forms: magnesium citrate, magnesium glycinate, magnesium malate, magnesium L-threonate etc. as they are much more absorbable. But I would like to rather recommend God's original prescription of green leaves. There are so many to choose from: kale, spinach, parsley, mustard greens, beet tops, cilantro, chard, collards, lettuces, and so many more and each in so many varieties. Fresh salads and steamed greens should be part of our daily diet.

But in these last years of earth's history when disease is at its highest levels, we have yet another gift: the green smoothie! To make these herbs even for palatable, make them into a green smoothie. Fill your Vitamix blender half full of fresh fruit and then half full of greens, then add water or fruit juice and liquefy. Adding a quart of green smoothie to your daily diet can have a truly transforming effect on your health. Liquefying the greens makes the nutrients more readily available for absorption and the fruit makes it sweet to the taste, and it is all totally fresh and raw. And magnesium is only one of thousands of life giving compounds found in these leaves. It only takes a couple of minutes to make, only a couple minutes to rinse the blender, and it is quick and



easy to drink making this truly a "fast food." The internet is full of stories of people totally transforming their lives and healing all manner of disease by adding green smoothies to their lives. Some will even start with a week or a month of green smoothie fasting — eating nothing but green smoothies. All report increased energy and a real boost in their emotional status. Most probably don't realize they are just following God's original healing prescription for the results of sin on our physical health.

It is God's plan that there not be one sick one among His children.

Drink a green smoothie! Restore your magnesium, and give yourself a fresh start on life as God meant it to be!



MILTON TESKE, MD



## MINISTRY NEEDS Production Van Update

Total funds needed: \$350,000.  
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As of the end of October we have raised **\$352,627.70** towards our production truck needs. The \$125,000 dollar-for-dollar match has been raised and matched. All thanks and praise belong to God

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We will still need ongoing funds to maintain our new production truck, and to pay for travel expenses as we begin in May 2016 going from place to place producing new 'on the road' series with Pastor Bohr.



If God opens the way for you to donate, thank you for being His vessel.

# PRISON MINISTRY

(Worthy Viewer Fund)

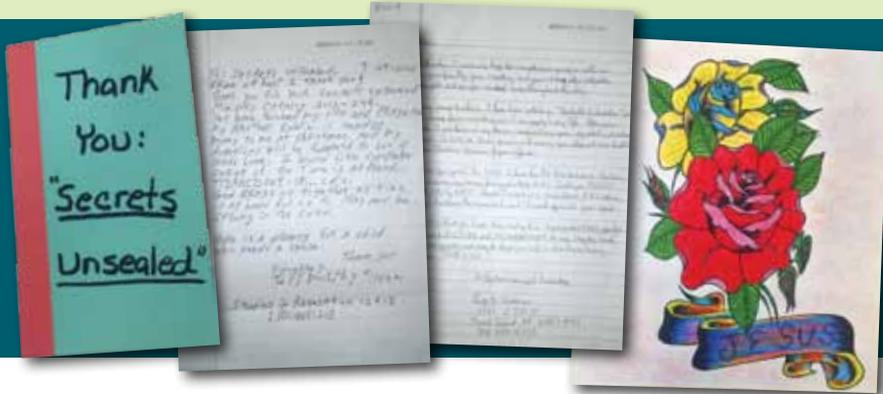
We are currently trying to serve 1,598 inmates by providing Bibles and study materials to them on an ongoing basis. However, when our prison ministry (Worthy Viewer Fund) funds are depleted, we are not able to fulfill the many requests we receive weekly from prison inmates for study Bibles, books, and Pastor Bohr's study notes.



## The Two Mites That Keep On Growing

In last quarter's newsletter, we featured a testimony about a prisoner named Jeremy who gave *Secrets Unsealed* a donation for \$4.50 for the production truck. A lady named Gwen was touched and wrote in with her donation of \$4.50 saying, "If Jeremy can give a \$4.50 donation for the production truck, so can I. I challenge others to do the same."

Saul and Maribel Alvarez in McAllen, Texas have a radio time slot where they have been airing our Spanish Genesis series. As a result, a prison inmate named Victor called the station to find out what religion their station was. He asked for more materials and is sharing with his inmates in their prison study group. Recently, most of these men have been transferred to other prisons, and they are all now requesting more study materials so they can start new Bible study groups and continue winning souls for Christ. To our knowledge, Victor has prepared 60 men for baptism.



## Letters from Prison

"I have been watching *The Bible or Tradition* for several weeks. I always learn something new I can apply to my life. After your program, I got down on my knees, confessed my sins, repented, and asked Jesus into my heart. Thanks to God's grace and mercy, you showed me God's love. I am a new Christian because of your efforts. I am so GRATEFUL you led me to the Lord. You are a BLESSING and ENCOURAGEMENT to me."

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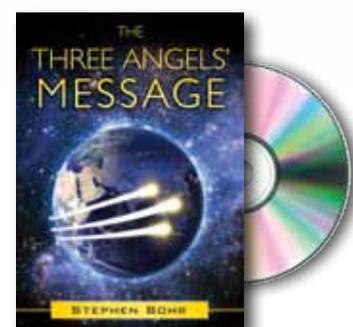
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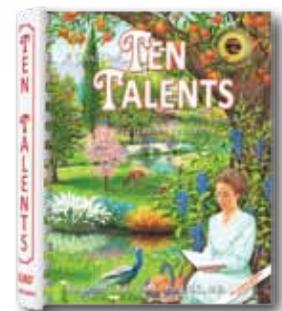
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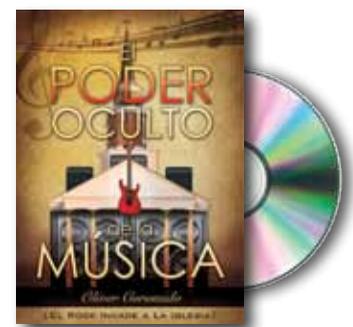
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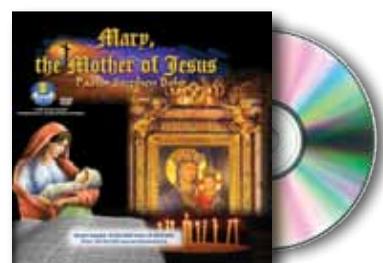
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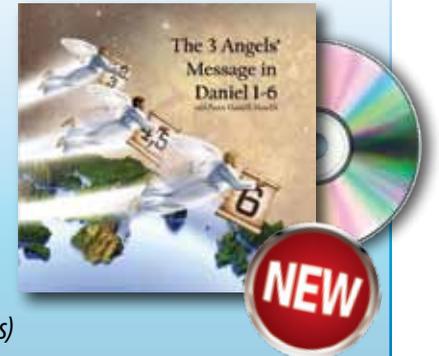
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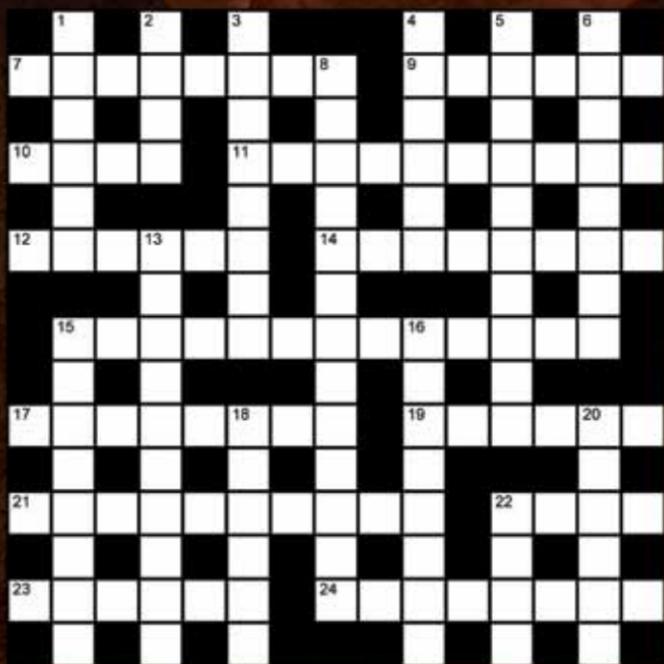
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7. Remembering Israel's deliverance from Egypt  
 9. Mother who gave son to the Lord in service  
 10. Father  
 11. Genealogically recorded  
 12. Father-in-law of Moses  
 14. Tether for a temporary Hebrew dwelling  
 15. Prophecy comes by God's \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. Serious sin (Gen. 18:20)  
 19. What God did after the sixth day of creation  
 21. John the Baptist died because they did not

22. Crippled man in Bethesda lay near this  
 23. God's law is like a \_\_\_\_\_ (James 1:23-25)  
 24. David was \_\_\_\_\_ at playing the harp  
 speak when Salome requested his head

1. They mocked Jesus  
 2. Paul forbidden to preach here (Acts 16:6)  
 3. God does not \_\_\_\_\_ the children  
 4. We are a \_\_\_\_\_ generation  
 5. What Jesus does for us as our High Priest  
 6. How we can be if we trust God  
 8. Believing God can give us \_\_\_\_\_ by faith in Christ  
 13. Ruth worked among these  
 15. Number of years taken to build the temple  
 16. Jesus said the kings exercised it over them  
 18. Hoarded riches for \_\_\_\_\_ are to their hurt (Ecl 5:3)  
 20. Mass departure from Egypt  
 22. A symbol of victory (Rev. 7:9)



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