

# The Midnight Cry

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“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17

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## True Freedom Under Attack

**“Investigation of Doctrine** – There is no excuse for anyone in taking the position that there is no more truth to be revealed, and that all our expositions of Scripture are without an error. The fact that certain doctrines have been held as truth for many years by our people, is not a proof that our ideas are infallible. Age will not make error into truth, and truth can afford to be fair. No true doctrine will lose anything by close investigation. We are living in perilous times, and it does not become us to accept everything claimed to be truth without examining it thoroughly; neither can we afford to reject anything that bears the fruits of the Spirit of God; but we should be teachable, meek and lowly of heart. There are those who oppose everything that is not in accordance with their own ideas, and by so doing they endanger their eternal interest as verily as did the Jewish nation in their rejection of Christ. The Lord designs that our opinions shall be put to the test, that we may see the necessity of closely examining the living oracles to see whether or not we are in the faith. Many who claim to believe the truth have settled down at their ease, saying, “I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing (*RH*, Dec. 20, 1892).

**How to Search the Scriptures** – How shall we search the Scriptures? Shall we drive our stakes of doctrine one after another, and then try to make all Scripture meet our established opinions? or shall we take our ideas and views to the Scriptures, and measure our theories on every side by the Scriptures of truth? Many who read and even teach the Bible, do not comprehend the precious truth they are teaching or studying. Men entertain errors, when the truth is clearly marked out; and if they would but bring their doctrines to the word of God, and not read the word of God in the light of their doctrines, to prove their ideas right, they would not walk in darkness and blindness, or cherish error. Many give the words of Scripture a meaning that suits their own opinions, and they mislead themselves and deceive others by their misinterpretations of God’s word. As we take up the study of God’s word, we should do so with humble hearts. All selfishness, all love of originality, should be laid aside. Long-cherished opinions must not be regarded as infallible. It was the unwillingness of the Jews to give up their long-established traditions that proved their ruin. They were determined not to see any flaw in their own opinions or in their expositions of the Scriptures; but however long men may have entertained certain views, if they are not clearly sustained by the written word, they should be discarded. Those who sincerely desire truth will not be reluctant to lay open their positions for investigation and criticism, and will not be annoyed if their opinions and ideas are crossed. This was the spirit cherished among us forty years ago. ... We have many lessons to learn, and many, many to unlearn. God and heaven alone are infallible. Those who think that they will never have to give up a cherished view, never have occasion to change an opinion, will be disappointed. As long as we hold to our own ideas and opinions with determined persistency, we cannot have the unity for which Christ prayed.” *Counsels on Writers and Editors*, 35.2-37.1

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## Abbreviations

1888	The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials
CW	Counsels on Writers and Editors
DA	The Desire of Ages
GC	The Great Controversy
LS	Life Sketches
RH	The Review and Herald
SM	Selected Messages, Vol. 1-3

## We need your Help in the Lord's Final Work!



**FIN** launched a English newsletter called Advent News. The purpose and desire of this newsletter is to publish the Midnight Cry message in a written format. Many videos exist and proclaim the Midnight Cry message, yet FIN has recognized the need of compiling the information, (given in many presentations and at different locations) into a formalized written message. Therefore, we need your help to spread the Midnight Cry message. If you are interested in writing articles on the Midnight Cry message or you have proof-reading and grammar skills, please contact: **[publishing@fin1844.info](mailto:publishing@fin1844.info)**



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# Bible Study

## True Freedom Attacked

### Introduction

The past presidents of the United States of America have generally ruled the country by following the principles enshrined in the Constitution. However, the country as well as the world has truly changed. The White House is currently occupied by a person who is echoing the voice that he has a right to do whatsoever he wants and that he must not be restricted by the Constitution. The same voice is being echoed internally in the Movement by some Priests. They believe that they can do what they want and that they do not need vows that places restrictions on their liberty. All such actions, either external or internal, are hiding in the cloth of freedom and liberty but the question is whether is this religious liberty that Trump and the evangelicals are pushing correct? Is this kind of liberty, which some in the Movement want to promote, correct? It's the purpose of this study to look into this in details and shed more light on how true freedom and liberty look like.

### Past Explains the Present and Future

**Eccl 1:4-10** *One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever. (5) The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose. (6) The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirlith about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits. (7) All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.*

Solomon is giving us a structure of a repeating pattern using different models which are as follows:

- Generations will come to pass. This is a repeating cycle. So when you see one generation pass, through the faith that is based upon the past history, you know that another generation is coming.
- The sun rising and setting is also a repeating pattern. If you see the sun rising in the morning, through faith based upon evidence from

yesterday, you can predict that the sun will set today. Both the wind and rivers follow the same repeating pattern.

This looks so simple and childish but the principle that is portrayed is so great. It is this very principle of repeating patterns that allows the most learned to predict natural phenomenon such as eclipses etc. Solomon goes father with this principle.

**Eccl 1:9-13** *The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. (10) Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.*

Based on the witnesses he has laid forth, his conclusion is that there is nothing new under the sun. The fact that you see the sun rising does not mean it is a new thing, because it rose yesterday as well. One can only be surprised at the rising of the sun if he forgets the pattern and therefore would be a new thing to him. Solomon also gives us a formula:

**Eccl 1:9-13** The thing that hath been (past), it is *that* which shall be (future); and that which is done (Past) is that which shall be done (future). There is a repeat and enlarge in this passage and it is showing us that what was in the past is what will be in the future. Therefore in order to know the future we must go back to the past.

**Eccl 1:11** *There is* no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be *any* remembrance of things that are to come with *those* that shall come after.

The above equation is so simple; you forget the past you will not know the future. This shows us that everything that is happening now is not new but rather, it has already happened in the past. The fact that people cannot recognize the things that are happening shows that they never knew the past. So let us look at a certain history where we will see similar things that are happening now.

“To the very close of the controversy in Heaven, the great usurper continued to justify himself. When it was announced that with all his sympathizers he must be expelled from the abodes of bliss, then the rebel leader boldly avowed his contempt for the Creator’s law. He reiterated his claim that angels needed no control, but should be left to follow their own will, which would ever guide them right. He denounced the divine statutes as a restriction of their liberty, and declared that it was his purpose to secure the abolition of law; that, freed from this restraint, the hosts of Heaven might enter upon a more exalted, more glorious state of existence.” GC88, 499.2

We can clearly see that the same claim Lucifer made at the beginning of the rebellion in heaven is happening currently. Let us look into this story more.

### **The Foundation God’s Kingdom**

Happiness Depends Upon Perfect Accord With God’s Laws. – “The law of love being the foundation of the government of God, the happi-

ness of all created beings depended upon their perfect accord with its great principles of righteousness. God desires from all His creatures the service of love – homage that springs from an intelligent appreciation of His character. He takes no pleasure in a forced allegiance, and to all He grants freedom of will, that they may render Him voluntary service.” GC, 493.2

The government of God has a foundation and that is the Law. Many may view this Law as bondage however, it is the Law of Love in actuality. We can clearly see that the happiness of the entire heaven depended upon being in harmony with the Law. It is called the Law of love because it reveals the love of God who desires the best for his own people. Since this is the law of love, keeping it must be motivated by the love heavenly beings have towards the Law Giver. In order for this to happen, God gave all created beings the freedom to choose to obey out of love for Him.

The law in heaven defined what it truly means to love and it rightly divided between what is right and wrong. God gives freedom to choose however, true freedom is guided and restricted by the law. For example, the heavenly angels were expected to rest on the seventh day from their usual activities. Moreover, the first four commandments places some checks and balances on how angels should worship God, while the other six places some checks and balances on how angels treat each other.

### **Satan’s Kingdom**

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secure the abolition of law; that, freed from this restraint, the hosts of Heaven might enter upon a more exalted, more glorious state of existence.” GC88, 499.2

In the first apostasy in heaven, Lucifer suggested his version of how his kingdom would look like. Lucifer suggested a kingdom without law and restraints. In his kingdom, angels would be given the freedom to follow their own inclinations and ideas in regards to right and wrong. Lucifer thought the law of God was restricting the angels’ liberty therefore his vision was for lawless liberty. Lucifer viewed this form of a kingdom as a more exalted one, in which its subjects rule themselves without a law or guide.

Compare and Contrast Summary of the two Kingdoms

- God’s Kingdom is guided by the law while Satan’s is lawless
- God views the Law as love while Satan views it a restrictions
- Subjects of God’s Kingdom are guided by the law while Satan’s says they are wise enough to guide themselves
- God’s subjects face boundaries while Satan says angels should not be controlled
- The liberty of God is guided by the law and Satan’s Liberty is Liberty without the Law

The war that began in heaven between the two kingdoms was transferred to earth and still continues by proxy. We see these opposing principles manifested especially since we are living at the end of the world when the controversy is reaching its climax. In both, the external and internal we see the different principles of God and Satan at war. We will start by looking at the external; particularly what is happening in the USA.

### **The USA Government**

“And he had two horns like a lamb.’ The lamb-like horns indicate youth, innocence, and gen-

tleness, fitly representing the character of the United States when presented to the prophet as “coming up” in 1798. Among the Christian exiles who first fled to America and sought an asylum from royal oppression and priestly intolerance were many who determined to establish a government upon the broad foundation of civil and religious liberty. Their views found place in the Declaration of Independence, which sets forth the great truth that “all men are created equal” and endowed with the inalienable right to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” And the Constitution guarantees to the people the right of self-government, providing that representatives elected by the popular vote shall enact and administer the laws. Freedom of religious faith was also granted; every man being permitted to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. Republicanism and Protestantism became the fundamental principles of the nation. These principles are the secret of its power and prosperity. The oppressed and downtrodden throughout Christendom have turned to this land with interest and hope. Millions have sought its shores, and the United States has risen to a place among the most powerful nations of the earth.” GC, 441.1

We see that the strength and power of the USA is in the its Constitution. The Constitution is the foundation of the USA government. It states that all men are equal and have equal rights and this protects each one’s rights from been violated. The Constitution also grants the people a republican form of government; one without a king or dictator. Church and State have been separated by the Constitution and for this reason, the USA government cannot pass laws in respect to religion. What we can see is that, similar to the Law of God in Heaven, the USA Constitution places some checks and balances on Churches and the Government. To make sure that a dictatorship is prevented, the USA Constitution divides power in three branches which are; Executive, Judiciary and Legislative.

“Separation of powers is a political doctrine originating in the writings of Charles de Secondat, Baron de Montesquieu. In “The Spirit of the Laws”, in which he argued for a constitutional government with three separate branches, each of which would have defined abilities to check the powers of the others. This philosophy heavily influenced the writing of the United States Constitution, according to which the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches of the United States government are kept distinct in order to prevent abuse of power. This United States form of separation of powers is associated with a system of checks and balances.”



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Separation\\_of\\_powers\\_under\\_the\\_United\\_States\\_Constitution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Separation_of_powers_under_the_United_States_Constitution)

We can clearly see that the purpose of the three branches is to put some check and balances between each other and this prevents the abuse of power by a particular branch. All this is to prevent dictatorship which would destroy the USA government. The Constitution puts some restrictions on the churches from using the power of the state to enforce their dogmas which can result in persecution of the minority. It also restricts the president from exercising certain powers such as shutting down media that oppose him etc. All these restrictions, like the law of God, are not bad but they are very good for the government, churches, institutions and the people. Once these checks and balances are removed, that would be the end of that government.

It is clear to see that the USA Constitution functions similarly to the Law of God which is to put some checks and balances. The USA provides true freedom and liberty which are guided by the Constitution in the same way God’s government gives freedom and liberty which is guided by the Law. It is sad that in the USA right now, we have a president that hates the

Constitution because of its restrictions in the same way Satan hates the Law of God because of its restrictions.

### Trump

“In nearly three years in office, President Donald Trump has spent federal dollars not authorized by Congress, separated families and incarcerated children at the Texas/Mexico border in defiance of a federal court order, pulled 1,000 American troops out of Syria ignoring a commitment to allies and facilitating war against civilians, and sent 2,000 troops to Saudi Arabia without a congressional declaration of war. He has also criminally obstructed a Department of Justice investigation of himself but escaped prosecution because of the intercession of an attorney general more loyal to him than to the U.S. Constitution. **At the outset of his presidency, Mr. Trump took the presidential oath of office promising that he would faithfully execute his obligation to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution.** James Madison, the scrivener of the Constitution, insisted that the word “faithfully” be in the presidential oath and that the oath itself be in the Constitution to remind presidents to enforce laws and comply with constitutional provisions, whether or not they agree with them, and to immunize the oath from congressional alteration. **Earlier this week, Mr. Trump referred to a clause in the Constitution as “phony,” and he thereby implied that he need not abide it nor enforce it, notwithstanding his oath.”**

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/oct/23/how-trump-disparages-the-constitution/>

We can clearly see that Trump hates the checks and balances the Constitution places on him. There is nothing new under the sun, the same form of government Lucifer was promoting is the same form of government Trump is promoting; one without restrictions. Instead of respecting Congress as an equal branch, Trump hates it and he does things without its

consent. Trump and his supporters think they can make America great again at the expense of the Constitution but the results will be the end of the USA.

“Since 2014, the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, with broad bipartisan support, have provided millions of dollars in security and development assistance to Ukraine as it defends against Kremlin aggression in Crimea and eastern Ukraine.”

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/2537/text>

Congress passed a resolution to provide military aid to Ukraine in fighting Russia. Since 2014 Russia annexed Crimea. 2014 is a very important waymark in this movement as it marks the beginning of the latter rain dispensation for the priests which ended in 2019. So we can see that 2014 marks the beginning and 2019 marks the end of the dispensation. Furthermore, connected with this is the issue of Ukraine. Let us see what happened in 2019 in relation to Ukraine.

“President Trump told his acting chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, to hold back almost \$400 million in military aid for Ukraine at least a week before a phone call in which Trump is said to have pressured the Ukrainian president to investigate the son of former vice president Joe Biden, according to three senior administration officials.”

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/trump-ordered-hold-on-military-aid-days-before-calling-ukrainian-president-officials-say/2019/09/23/df93a6ca-de38-11e9-8dc8-498eabc129a0\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/trump-ordered-hold-on-military-aid-days-before-calling-ukrainian-president-officials-say/2019/09/23/df93a6ca-de38-11e9-8dc8-498eabc129a0_story.html)

In 2019, Trump ordered the withholding of Ukrainian military aid for his own political interest. Congress had agreed to assist Ukraine in 2014 however, Trump executed his actions in 2019 without congressional consent. This was a violation of the USA Constitution which separates power through the three branches. Congress is an equally important part of the

government as the Executive branch and its decisions must be respected. This is another proof that the King of America, Trump, wants an America without Constitution – a form of government without checks and balances. The SDA church has a duty to recognize such developments as dangerous but the Church is sleeping. In such a situation where His church cannot warn the people, God has raised stones who are crying out.

### Stones Crying

“Many Pharisees witnessed the scene, and, burning with envy and malice, sought to turn the current of popular feeling. With all their authority they tried to silence the people; but their appeals and threats only increased the enthusiasm. They feared that this multitude, in the strength of their numbers, would make Jesus king. As a last resort they pressed through the crowd to where the Saviour was, and accosted Him with reproving and threatening words: “Master, rebuke Thy disciples.” They declared that such noisy demonstrations were unlawful, and would not be permitted by the authorities. But they were silenced by the reply of Jesus, “I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.” That scene of triumph was of God’s own appointing. It had been foretold by the prophet, and man was powerless to turn aside God’s purpose. **Had men failed to carry out His plan, He would have given a voice to the inanimate stones, and they would have hailed His Son with acclamations of praise.** As the silenced Pharisees drew back, the words of Zechariah were taken up by hundreds of voices: “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.” *DA*, 572.3

What we can see in the above passage is the stones have a voice and if the people who are responsible fail to give a cry or do their job function, Jesus promised to raise stones to cry or do

the job. In Matthew 3:9, John calls the Gentiles “stones” and he told the Jews that if they are disobedient, God is able to raise the Gentiles in their place. Today Trump is doing all he can to establish an empire having the same principles as Satan suggested in heaven, yet everyone is quiet not even the evangelicals in the USA nor the SDA have attempted to sound an alarm. It is during this time in which God has raised stones to cry and warn the people about what Trump’s actions and their implications. One of the stones is Nancy Pelosi, the most powerful stone who is the second in succession to the Presidency if the president is removed or he dies. Let us hear from Nancy Pelosi.

### Nancy Pelosi

“Good afternoon. Last Tuesday, we observed the anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution on September 17th. Sadly, on that day, the Intelligence Community Inspector General formally notified the Congress that the administration was forbidding him from turning over a whistleblower complaint on Constitution Day. **“This is a violation of the law. Shortly thereafter, press reports began to break of a phone call by the President of the United States, calling upon a foreign power to intervene in his election. This is a breach of his constitutional responsibilities. On the final day of the Constitutional Convention in 1787, when our Constitution was adopted, Americans gathered on the steps of Independence Hall to await the news of a government our founders had crafted. They asked Benjamin Franklin, “what do we have, a republic or a monarchy?” Franklin replied, “a republic, if you can keep it.” Our responsibility is to keep it. Our public endures because of the wisdom of our Constitution enshrined in three co-equal branches of government serving as checks and balances on each other.**

“The actions taken to date by the President have seriously violated the Constitution, especially when the President says Article II says I can do whatever I want. For the past sever-

al months, we have been investigating in our committees and litigating in the courts so the House can gather all of the relevant facts and consider whether to exercise its full Article I powers, including a constitutional power of the utmost gravity, approval of Articles of Impeachment.”

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/trump-impeachment-inquiry/transcript-nancy-pelosi-s-speech-trump-impeachment-n1058351>

Pelosi starts her line of thought from the time the Constitution was put in place and reflects on what was in the minds of its framers. The people asked whether the USA government was a monarchy or republic according to the New Constitution and the reply was it is a republic. The answer had a condition which was “if the people can keep it”. She even mentions how the Constitution enshrined in three co-equal branches of government serving as checks and balances on each other. So when Trump is undermining the other branches of the government, it is a direct attack on the Constitution and consequently what led to the impeachment of Trump. The Democrats, being led by Pelosi, wanted to remove Trump because of this act against the Constitution. On the other hand, the Republicans generally turned a blind eye.

The church of God should be awakened to what is happening in the USA. Another part of the Constitution Trump is breaking is that of separation of church and state. The Constitution forbids government making laws in favor of religion because this can only bring oppression to the minority yet the Trump administration is going against the Constitution. This is nothing new and the people of God must wake up and recognize that this is the same type of a kingdom Lucifer was promoting.

The USA is divided into two groups just like in heaven, one group are Democrats who are holding on to the principle that there should be some checks and balances to government as defined in the Constitution. The other group

are Republicans who are arguing that the president does not need checks and balances. In other words, he can do whatsoever he thinks is right. Based on the history of the Apostasy in heaven, we can clearly see that the Democrats are correct while the Republicans are wrong. It is sad that a majority of the people in the USA and the Protestants are standing on the side of Trump with his version of the Kingdom. Just like Lucifer, Trump is building an empire with a foundation of lawlessness and the results will be the same, national ruin. Indeed there is nothing new under the sun. We also know that what happens externally parallels what is happening internally in the Movement. Let us see.

### **The Church Triumphant**

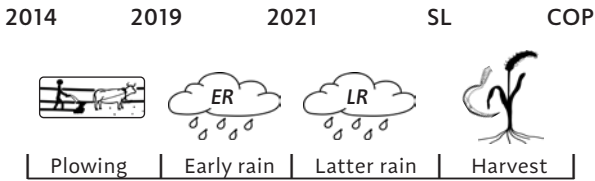
The Movement, like the government of God and the USA government (in its lamb like form), should operate on an established set of principles that provide guidance and restraint as typified by the Law of God and the USA Constitution. These principles are enshrined in the vows of the Movement. These vows places some checks and balances on both prophetic and moral issues. Similar to the Law of God and the USA Constitution, these restrictions that the vows present should not be viewed as dangerous and enslaving. These vows are of love and if rightly followed, there will be happiness in the soul.

In 2018, the midnight cry message through Elder Tess brought new perspectives. Part of what was brought is that Conservatism is wrong while Liberalism is right. The messages also brought out focus on the subject of Freedom and Liberty. So we have the issues of Liberalism, Liberty and Freedom and since these topics became part of the issues in the Movement, there has been a split. Though the issue looks complex, what is causing these two groups is being on different sides of these issues. One promotes Liberalism, Freedom and Liberty without restrictions or checks and balances while the other is promoting them with checks and balances.

The side which is promoting a Liberalism without guidelines is going further by suggesting that we do not need vows to guide us, especially those on morality. The argument is that Priests are wise enough to do things for themselves and that they do not need any regulations. They even think such restrictions is actually dictatorship. According to them, Liberalism is doing what one wants without any restrictions while the other group promotes the opposite; liberalism, freedom and liberty guided by rightly defined principles which are found in the vows. Which side is correct? The answer is certain. Liberalism, freedom or liberty without restrictions or some checks and balances is wrong because it is the same form of government that Satan and Trump promote. Satan said the angels do not need the law to be guided by it, some priests too are saying these very words, that they do not need vows, especially those on morality. This has resulted in some of the priests eating everything they want, listening to worldly music and watching worldly movies and dressing in the way they want without checks and balances all in the name of Liberalism. This form of Liberalism is dangerous to the soul and the Movement at large.

True Liberalism is a mind to change and accept new ideas as opposed to being a conservative; a mind that is fixed. For example, we have the message of equality in the movement which is new, which shows women are equal to men. A conservative mind will find it hard to accept while a liberal mind will accept the change. A truly liberal mind will accept women putting on pants as a symbol of equality while a conservative will not. Therefore eating everything or dressing like the world without following the health and modesty principles is not Liberalism but rebellion. Women putting on pants was not freedom to put on whatsoever we want without following principles. The question is, where is that form of Liberalism without morals coming from? It is so easy to see that the Nethinims have the same type of liberalism and is that safe?

**Line of the Nethinims**



2014 to 2019 Nov 9<sup>th</sup> marks the plowing time of the Nethinims. This has resulted in the development of two groups of Nethinims; namely liberals and conservatives. It is clear to see when we compare and contrast their line with the line of the priests that the ones who are on the right side are liberals. It is a well-known concept by the priests that liberals are on the correct side yet this knowledge has brought harm in the Movement because the priests began to learn everything from the Nethinims. These priests have embraced the ideas of the Nethinims and subsequently elevated them as sound guidance. They also began propagating these ideas in the Movement resulting in the discarding of all reforms addressed in the vows. Is it right for a priest to follow after the Nethinims way of understanding? Let us see why it is wrong.

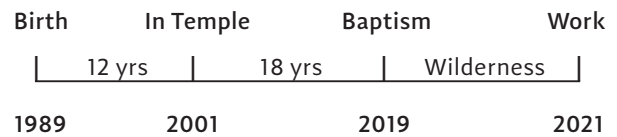
1. A priest is a teacher who is going to be the leader of the Nethinims. It's the Nethinims who must learn from a priest.
2. 2014 to 2019 is just a plowing time for the Nethinims the first step of sorting out the problems with Nethinims. It doesn't make sense for a priest who is in the harvest time period to start learning everything from one who has just finished the first step.
3. When we compare and contrast, Elder Pippenger's message was half right and half wrong, hence the message under the first messenger to the Nethinims is half right and half wrong. This allows us to see that the Nethinims are not correct in everything. Who must correct them in everything? It is the priests when the time comes, therefore

it is dangerous for the Priests to blindly embrace the ways of the Nethinims.

The priests should not learn Liberalism from the Nethinims but they should learn it from the *Bible* and *Spirit of Prophecy*. The Liberalism that God is teaching us is that which has some checks and balances or restrictions which are defined by correct principles. All the behavior of the Priests learning from the Nethinims did not catch God by surprise, this experience is in the reform line typified by the Temptations of Christ in the wilderness.

**Temptation in the Wilderness**

**Line of Christ**



The above is the experience of Christ overlaying it with the experience of the priests. On the above line the baptism of Christ when he was 30yrs old is typifying 2019 Nov 9<sup>th</sup> when the Priests are 30yrs too since 1989. Before Christ started His public ministry He went in the wilderness to pray and meditate upon His coming work. It is at this time period when Satan went and tempted him because he was hungry and weak for 40 days without food. The priests will start their public work at Panium in 2021 but before that they must pass through the wilderness experience where they will be tempted.

After Nov 9<sup>th</sup> there was silence among the priests and there was no message from the leaders and this produced the hunger for spiritual food to the priests just like Christ hunger. It is in this state were temps the Priests.

**Temptations**

1. Turning the stones into bread: we already saw that the stones represents the world,

which we call Nethinims. In this temptation, Christ was told to use his power in turning the stone into his own food and Christ refused. This typifies the temptation that comes to the priests in this time to turn the food for the Nethinims into their own food to satisfy their spiritual hunger. This led priests to start taking the liberal concepts of the Nethinims as their own message. For example dressing and eating without restraint.

2. Throwing Himself from the top of the temple, believing that His feet will not be hurt by stones: the feet represent the gospel and the stones, the world. So in this temptation, priests are being tempted to throw themselves in the world believing that their gospel and them will not be destroyed. Priests who went to extremes such as listening to ungodly music, eating without restraint, dressing like the world and watching ungodly movies, did all that under the impression that they are priests and exempt from harm. Through reasoning from cause to effect, we can clearly see that all such actions bring harm to the priests.
3. Given the earthly kingdoms: the kingdoms Christ was offered was different to the kingdom He came to build. John, who typifies Elder Jeff, was wrong on the nature of Christ's kingdom and by comparison, Elder Jeff was also wrong on the nature of God's kingdom. Elder Jeff is the first messenger for the priests and also typifies the work of the first messenger for the Nethinims. By comparing and contrasting, we can see that the Nethinims are also wrong about the nature of God's Kingdom. The Liberal Nethinims are looking for an earthly kingdom

while we, priests, look forward to a heavenly kingdom. Furthermore, the Nethinims are dreaming of a perfect world on earth, a world without problems. For example, their motive for solving the climate issue is to really make earth habitable for their stay for many years, while priests know that although climate change is real and they are sad for what is happening, this world will be destroyed soon. This kingdom the Nethinims promote has no reforms such as dress; one can dress however way they wish. On the other hand, one who desires a heavenly kingdom would be focused on living out the very principles that govern that kingdom. The Kingdom of God has restrictions and checks and balances.

### Summary

We have seen clearly through the compare and contrast of God's government and the USA government, that true freedom, liberalism and liberty has restrictions or checks and balances. These restrictions are not evil but rather, they exist because of the love God has for us and must be adhered to by professed followers of Christ who love Him. We were scattered as priests through wrong understanding of these principles but the love and mercy of God is reaching out to us through His appointed servants, calling us back into one accord in order to prepare ourselves for the coming work. If Christ had failed the temptations, that would have been the end of His ministry. Likewise, if we fail as a Movement in this period of time, that will be the end however, the lines show that this is the history of success. We will succeed. At Panium, the Movement will be more glorious than ever. Amen! – fin



# Lest we Forget



The section “Lest we Forget” is a republishing of a series of articles printed in the 1990s by the SDA church. Since these articles give much historical background about the past history of our church, we thought it to be beneficial to republish the articles in our Newsletter. However, we alert the reader to keep in mind that these articles are simply published to learn historical background without any comment of present truth. The publisher of this Newsletter does not agree with every single statement in the articles. (Example: we do not consider W.W. Prescott to be a Pioneer)

“We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.” *LS*, 196.

## Seekers of His Glory – Who are the Pioneers?

Part 3:

In part 2 we saw that God’s messenger to the Remnant Church identified as Pioneers: William Miller, Josiah Litch, Joshua Himes, Charles Fitch, Joseph Bates, James White, Stephen Pierce, Edward Andrews and Hiram Edson. There were others who were similarly identified as being among the Pioneers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**James L. Prescott, Stephen N. Haskell, John O. Corliss**

“I want to say a few words. God has left a few of the old pioneers who know something of the fanaticism which existed in the early days of this message. Here is Brother Prescott; he knows something about it. He is acquainted with phase after phase of the fanaticism which has taken place. Here is Brother Haskell. He knows something about it, and there are various ones of our older brethren who have passed over the ground, and they understand something of what we had to meet and contend with. Then there is Brother Corliss; I speak of him because he knows something

about fanaticism, not only in the early days, but in our later experience.”

A Testimony given to the Ministers at General Conf., April 17, 1901, *General Conference Bulletin*, 04-23-01.

**G.I. Butler**

“Let us take hold of the work in the Southern states intelligently. I rejoice that Brother Butler is with us in this work.... God desires the gray-haired Pioneers, the men who acted a part in the work when the first, second and third angels’ messages were first given, to stand in their place in His work today.” 1888, 1801-2

In addition to these thirteen individuals named by God’s messenger as being Pioneers of God’s final movement, there were others, whose writings or work was endorsed by God’s messenger. These also are foundational Pioneers.

**J.N. Loughborough**

“Elder Loughborough’s book should receive attention. Our leading men should see what can be done for the circulation of this book.” *CW*, 145

### Uriah Smith

“We can easily count the first burden bearers now alive [1902]. Elder [Uriah] Smith was connected with us at the beginning of the publishing work. He labored in connection with my husband. We hope always to see his name in the Review and Herald at the head of the list of editors; for thus it should be.” 2SM, 225

### A.T. Jones and E.J. Waggoner

“The Lord has raised up Brother Jones and Brother Waggoner to proclaim a message to the world to prepare a people to stand in the day of God. The world is suffering the need of additional light to come to them upon the Scriptures, - additional proclamation of the principles of purity, lowliness, faith and the righteousness of Christ. This is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.” 1888, 1814

Finally there are a large number of workers who first worked in various new departments of the work whom God’s messenger called

Pioneers: e.g. canvassing, George King; medical, Dr. J.H. Kellogg; educational, P.T. Magan and E.A. Sutherland; Europe, J.N. Andrews; etc. These Pioneers all made invaluable contributions to the gospel work. For the purposes of studying the doctrinal foundations of the Seventh-day Adventist church, all these mentioned above, as a “cloud of witnesses”, are not included in the narrow definition of Pioneers given in *Counsels to Writers and Editors*: “We are to repeat the words of the pioneers in our work, who knew what it cost to search for the truth as for hidden treasure, and who labored to lay the foundation of our work. They moved forward step by step under the influence of the Spirit of God. One by one these pioneers are passing away. The word given me is, Let that which these men have written in the past be reproduced.” CW, 28

We have attempted to show from God’s messenger to the Remnant Church: a) who are the pioneers who laid the foundations of our church; and b) the importance of reproducing their writings.

## George Storrs Mother

Col. Constant Storrs, a wheelwright in the American Revolutionary army, married Lucinda Howe shortly after the war ended. After their marriage they moved to New Hampshire - at that time a wilderness - and settled in Lebanon on the Connecticut River.

By hard work and economy, Col. Storrs became what in those days was called a wealthy farmer. To them were born seven sons and one daughter. The mother of these children was ever watchful over their religious instruction, gathering her children around her, particularly on their sabbath, to instruct them on things pertaining to God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

She was not content to leave their religious education to the minister or to any other person less interested in their welfare than she, their mother. The only preaching in Lebanon at that time was Congregational or Calvinistic. George Storrs mother endeavored to counteract in the minds of her offspring the tendency to fatalism found in the Calvinistic preaching.

Unceasingly, she would impress upon her children that if they would seek the Lord, He would be found of them. Such pious labor was not lost on George. Even as a young child his mind dwelt deeply George Storrs Mother front page 1 on spiritual things. Early had his mother

taught him to acknowledge God as his Heavenly Father, and pointed him to his Saviour, Jesus Christ. George deeply desired to be a Christian, but he was filled with many doubts and felt his case was more hopeless than boys he knew to be very profane. But for her instruction, George had often thought and felt that he would never have been brought to a saving knowledge of God. The sweet and heavenly

strains of prayer, poured forth by his mother, as she sought God's mercy for her son, made George forget or disregard the false teachings that had caused him such anxiety. Such scenes could not be erased from his heart. Happy for him he had such a mother.

(Joy Radzik excerpted from a biographical sketch in *Six Sermons by George Storrs*, 1855)

## Oneness in Belief and Practice - Christ's Heart's Desire

Neither pray I for these [the eleven disciples] alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one. John. 17:20-22

What is the glory of which Christ spoke? How does this glory result in a oneness among us as seen between Christ and the Father? The Advent believers in the 1840's partook of this experience. As they gave themselves to study of the Word together, they moved from their earlier positions and came closer together in Bible truth. One of the clearest passages that describes the glory of this unity is Philippians 2.

Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Phil. 2:2-5

This agape love that Christ revealed, which described His mind, is vividly outlined in verses 6-8. He "*humbled Himself*", from His position

as the Son of God, down to the God-forsaken death of the cross. This is His character, His glory. Since He was slain "*from the foundation of the world*" (Rev. 13:8), this has always been what He is like. John saw the spiritual truth of Christ's being "*a Lamb as it had been slain*" (Rev. 5:6) as the core of God's throne, how He rules His creation.

The character quality of self-sacrificing love is thereby seen to be the undergirding law of the universe. The cross was but a new, unprecedented revelation of what type of love the Creator possesses. And this new manifestation was necessitated by the opposite, the invasion of creation by the law of self-serving love. While God's character is the basis of oneness and unity, Lucifer's choice to serve himself brought selfishness, disunity, strife, and variance.

We see this separation in the "*war in heaven*" (Rev. 12:7) resulting in a multitude of heaven's inhabitants losing their place there, removed from the fellowship they had known. We see this same disharmony when the parents of our race first hid from God, then turned to blame others for their own choices to sin, and finally lost their place in Eden. The common origin of both experiences was a self-seeking, a turning from God as the heart's focus.

That is where we are in ourselves concerned only for ourselves, what we want, what we think. Only by the Holy Spirit's bringing back to us in a growing way the image of God, His selfless love, can we experience that "one accord" Christ prayed for us and Paul yearned for the Philippians to experience. When the disciples of Christ saw this spiritual truth through Calvary's trying experience, they were enabled to grasp what the cross means. Christ was able to open to them "*in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself*" (Luke 24:27).

In a few days they turned from their infighting over who was the greatest, to being of one accord. And that condition God could acknowledge by the power of His Spirit at Pentecost. The understanding and experience through which they went parallels that of those who will receive the latter rain outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

What then can we do to come together in a similar understanding and experience? How can we overcome the ungodly differences between us that disgrace God? A revelation to our self-centered hearts of the cross, of God's self-sacrificing love, must be allowed to do its

work by the Spirit, to the place where like Paul we can confess that the "I" is crucified with Christ, and that the life we live is now His life (Gal. 2:20). God's Spirit will replace our carnal, Lucifer spirit, as God works to restore His image in us. As Christ said, this will be glorious and will testify to the validity of His mission to earth in revealing His Father. The experience of unity begun by our Adventist pioneers, coming from various backgrounds to join one another on Bible truth, will be carried to its conclusion. That experience may be ours!

*"Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."* James 3:13-18

## Storrs' Six Sermons:

### Is There Immortality in Sin and Suffering?

#### Sermon VI

*"I will not contend forever, neither will I be always wroth; for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made."* Isa. 57:16 We are too apt to take the words of Scripture and apply them to all men indiscriminately, without regarding the character of the person spoken of. In this way we pervert the word of the Most High, and sometimes comfort those whom God has not comforted. I conceive, that has been done with the words of my text. They

have been applied to all men; when the context shows, most clearly, they are spoken only of the "contrite ones," who are "humble and contrite" under the judgments, or chastisements that God had inflicted upon them for their sins: while it is expressly said, in the same connection, there is "no peace to the wicked," God's wrath abideth on them; and abiding on them, they will certainly "fail," The term "fail," used in the text, though it has other significations,

is, I think, generally used by the prophet Isaiah, to signify "to perish." He says, Is. 21:16 "*All the glory of Kedar shall fail.*" And Is. 19:3 "*The spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof.*"

I consider the sense of the text, then, to be this - "With those persons who truly humble themselves, and repent, under my rebukes, I will not continue my displeasure for if my wrath should remain upon any man he would utterly perish, soul and spirit, as surely as I have made him." - Hence, the doctrine of the text seems to me, to be - 1<sup>st</sup>. God is the Creator of the souls and spirits of men, and, of course, can DESTROY them. 2<sup>nd</sup>. If God's wrath should continue, upon any man, without being withdrawn, it would certainly cause him to "fail"-perish; or cease to exist: he could not continue in being under it. 3<sup>rd</sup>. But upon those who do repent, that wrath shall not abide.

These remarks have chiefly been made to meet an objection that man is composed of three parts-body, soul and spirit; and that, though his body and soul might perish, his spirit could not. I have used the term soul throughout my discourses in its broadest sense as including the essence of what constitutes a man; and I am satisfied that is the general sense in which the Scriptures use it, though in some texts it is used in a more restricted sense.

It is a matter of indifference how it is applied in my text; for the expressions are such as to include the whole man, and to show that every man on whom the wrath of God abideth will perish - utterly perish - body, "soul and spirit."

I shall now proceed to notice one of the evils of the opposite theory; or the maintaining that such expressions as die - death - destroy - destroyed - destruction - burned up - perish, etc., are not to be understood literally, Le, according to their obvious meaning, when spoken of the final destiny of wicked men.

ONE EVIL OF THE COMMON THEORY OF ENDLESS BEING IN SIN AND SUFFERING, IS:

It sustains the mischievous practice of mystifying, or making the Scriptures to have a secret or hidden meaning, in the plainest texts.

This mischievous practice was brought into the church, almost as soon as the Apostles had left the world. The converts from heathenism seemed intent on uniting heathen philosophy with Christianity.

Hence they must find an abundance of mysteries in the Scriptures; and the practice of allegorizing, i.e, making the language to contain something that does not appear in the words, commenced and generally prevailed, before the third century. This was done, doubtless, with a view to lead heathen philosophers to embrace Christianity, as affording them a fruitful field for their researches.

But it led the church astray into the wild fields of conjecture; and every lively imagination could find hidden wonders in the Bible; while the plain literal meaning of the text was disregarded. That fatal practice increased from age to age, till the simplicity of the gospel was totally eclipsed, and the obscurity has not wholly disappeared to this day.

This practice has given occasion to honest people, as well as to infidels, to say, "You can make any thing out of the Bible," or "play any tune upon it." And this is true, if men are to be allowed to . take texts which have a plain, obvious, and literal signification, and call them mystical or figurative, when there is not a clear necessity for doing so. The Scriptures themselves often notify us when the language is to be understood figuratively; and frequently those figures are explained, and the literal interpretation given.

The common method of making the terms life and death mystical, or figurative, i.e. to mean something more, and far different from what appears in the literal and obvious signification of the words, I conceive is unwarranted by the

Scriptures, and tends only to throw confusion upon the plainest subjects of the Bible, and also to take away the force and beauty of very many otherwise clear and intelligible portions of God's word. Let me now call your attention to texts, the beauty and force of which are greatly weakened and obscured by such a course.

Deut. 50:15, *"I have set life and death before you, therefore choose Life, that both thou and thy seed may live."*

Again, Ps. 16:11. *"Thou wilt show me the path of life; in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures forever more."* Now let us contemplate some portions of the New Testament, in view of the theory I oppose, and the one I advocate, and see on which they have most force and the clearest meaning. Look at the young man who came to our Saviour with an important inquiry, Matt. What does he say? Is it his inquiry, *"What shall I do to escape endless misery or suffering?"* No; but, *"What shall I do that I may have eternal life?"* How plain the question, on the theory I advocate, and how appropriate the answer, *"If thou wilt enter into life,"* etc. Not, - if thou wilt escape endless life in torments, - not, if thou wilt have a *"happy eternal life,"* but simply, - If thou wilt enter into life. What simplicity, beauty, and force! all is natural, and easy to be understood.

Again, John 3:15,16, *"That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him might not perish, but have everlasting life."* All here, again, is natural, easy, and forcible, on the theory that the wicked are actually to die or perish if found rejecting Christ, who only has eternal life to give.... [The sermon continues for 20 pages to end with the following paragraphs] If I mistake not, then, the true state of the case is this.- All the offspring of Adam, are destitute of immortality; God has given His Son Jesus Christ to die for us, that we might not perish, except by our own fault. He sets *"life and death before men,"* and calls upon them to *"choose life,"* that they *"may live;"* - if they will not come to Christ they perish under an insupportable load of guilt and shame, for having preferred animal pleasures - which, when they are the supreme pursuit, are the pleasures of sin - to Life Eternal. Shall any of us be guilty of such folly and madness? Come to the LIFE-GIVER, - lay hold on ETERNAL LIFE.

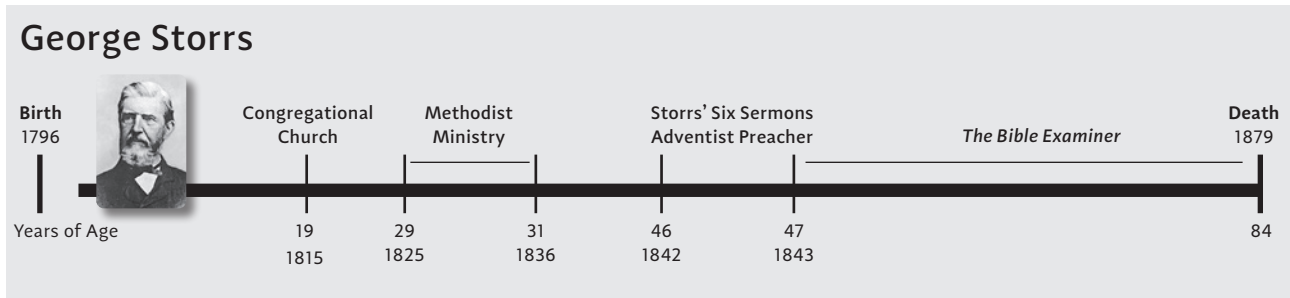
Six Sermons on the Inquiry is there Immortality in Sin and Suffering? also, A Sermon on Christ The Life-Giver: or, The Faith of The Gospel by George Storrs, *Editor of Bible Examiner*. NEW YORK, 1855.

## Three Ways to Approach Doctrinal Differences - The Story of George Storrs

### Health Reforming Sea Captain Becomes Sabbath Reforming Adventist

"Have you heard about Elder? He has left the church! He was arrested and thrown in jail!" This is not make-believe. This was the experience of George Storrs, the Methodist minister who was arrested during the act of prayer, having invoked a blessing on the slaves in church

in New Hampshire. The year was 1855. After several years of study and heart-searching George Storrs left the Methodist church where he had been a minister for 11 years because of the doctrine of the state of the dead. There are three ways to approach doctrinal differences.



George Storrs experienced all three in his life. Let us start the story at the beginning.

George Storrs was born in Lebanon, New Hampshire in 1796. His father was an industrious mechanic. George was the youngest of eight children. As a child he was afraid of God and felt alienated from Christianity because of the sermons he heard about the eternal torment of the wicked in hell. At the age of 17 he began deliberately to seek to know the goodness of God. Under the influence of these studies and his mother's prayers and constant religious instruction he gave his heart to Christ and joined the Congregational church at the age of 19.

As George continued to grow spiritually, conviction deepened that he was called of God to preach. Under the influence of a godly Methodist minister who showed kindness to him during an illness of George's wife, he joined the Methodist ministry in 1825 and preached under their itinerant ministry until 1836. Slavery was the main burden of Storrs' preaching. This was not a doctrine approved by the local bishop who did everything in his power to suppress all discussion of the subject. During an antislavery society meeting in 1835 at the Sanbornton Bridge Methodist meetinghouse George prayed for the slaves. During the act of prayer the deputy sheriff arrested Storrs and took him to jail. After the trial he was set free.<sup>1</sup>

The natural response of the human heart is to reject the pastor who holds a doctrine that differs from what is currently believed to be

<sup>1</sup> Under Pretence of Law or The Arrest and Trial of Rev. George Storrs by Mr. Mob pp. 1-22

truth. This rejection George Storrs experienced. He left the Methodist church in 1840. This is how it happened.

While travelling on a slow train in 1837, Storrs read a small tract written by Deacon Henry Grew of Philadelphia which lead him to study the subject of the state of the dead for himself. After several years of study, conversation and correspondence with some of America's most eminent ministers, Storrs reached the settled conclusion that man does not possess inherent immortality but receives it only as a gift through Christ, and that God will utterly exterminate the wicked through fire at the second death. Storrs wrote three letters to a prominent Methodist minister who was a personal friend. This minister could not answer Storrs' arguments and advised him to publish his arguments anonymously. This he did in 1841 under the title *An Inquiry; Are the Souls of the Wicked Immortal? - In Three Letters*.

After leaving the Methodist church he visited Albany N.Y. A small congregation invited him to be their pastor. He accepted this call, taking for his guiding principle: "The Bible as the only creed - Christian character the only test." He did not speak on the state of the dead for some time. In 1842 he felt that he could keep silent on this doctrine no longer. Fear of being misunderstood lead him to write out his sermon and read it. A whole week was spent in intensive preparation for that first sermon on the state of the dead. The next week and for five more weeks he wrote out the sermon and read it to his flock on different aspects of the same

doctrine. Several who heard those sermons requested that he publish his six sermons. When published, they became copknown as Storrs' six sermons.

A few weeks later Storrs heard the Millerite Message from Calvin French.

Storrs was so impressed that he arranged for Charles Fitch to hold a series fellowof

tent meetings that thousands attended. After that series, Storrs was convinced of the soon coming of Christ and left Albany that same year, 1842, to preach the Advent message to multiplied thousands. He did not preach any message except the Advent message, but in response to numerous requests, he revised, reprinted and distributed 5,000 then another 2,000 copies of his six sermons in New York where he was preaching in 1843 and 1844.

Storrs had experienced separation and even persecution for his faith. However there is yet another way that doctrinal differences are approached. This way is the blessed way of personal Bible study and prayer until agreement is reached in understanding the mind of God on that doctrine. This Storrs also experienced.

Fitch wrote to Storrs a letter dated [anuary 25, 1844: "As you have long been fighting the Lord's battles alone, on the subject of the state of the dead, and of the final doom of the wicked, I write this to say, that I am at last, after

much thought and prayer, and a full conviction of duty to God, prepared to take my stand by your side." This was the first ministerial convert. It was not the last.

In 1843, 10,000 copies of Storrs' Six Sermons were published in England. This led to a number of prominent Britishers to take their stand for this doctrine in eluding a congregationalist Archbishop Richard Whately. A total of 200,000 copies of these sermons were reportedly published. Thus truth was proclaimed.

William Miller opposed this doctrine and wrote in the Midnight Cry of May 23, 1844: "I disdain any connection, fellowship, or sympathy with Bro. Storrs' views of the intermediate state, and end of the wicked."

Storrs published a paper called The Bible Examiner from 1843 until he died in 1879. Storrs was disappointed when Jesus did not return October 22, 1844. Storrs did not accept the sanctuary message or the seventh-day Sabbath message but continued to believe the Bible truth about the state of the dead. The idea of thewicked in an eternal burning hell was considered by Storrs as a blot on the character of God. This Bible understanding is a foundational truth for the end time.

From a biographical sketch included in Six Sennons by George Storrs, New York, 1855

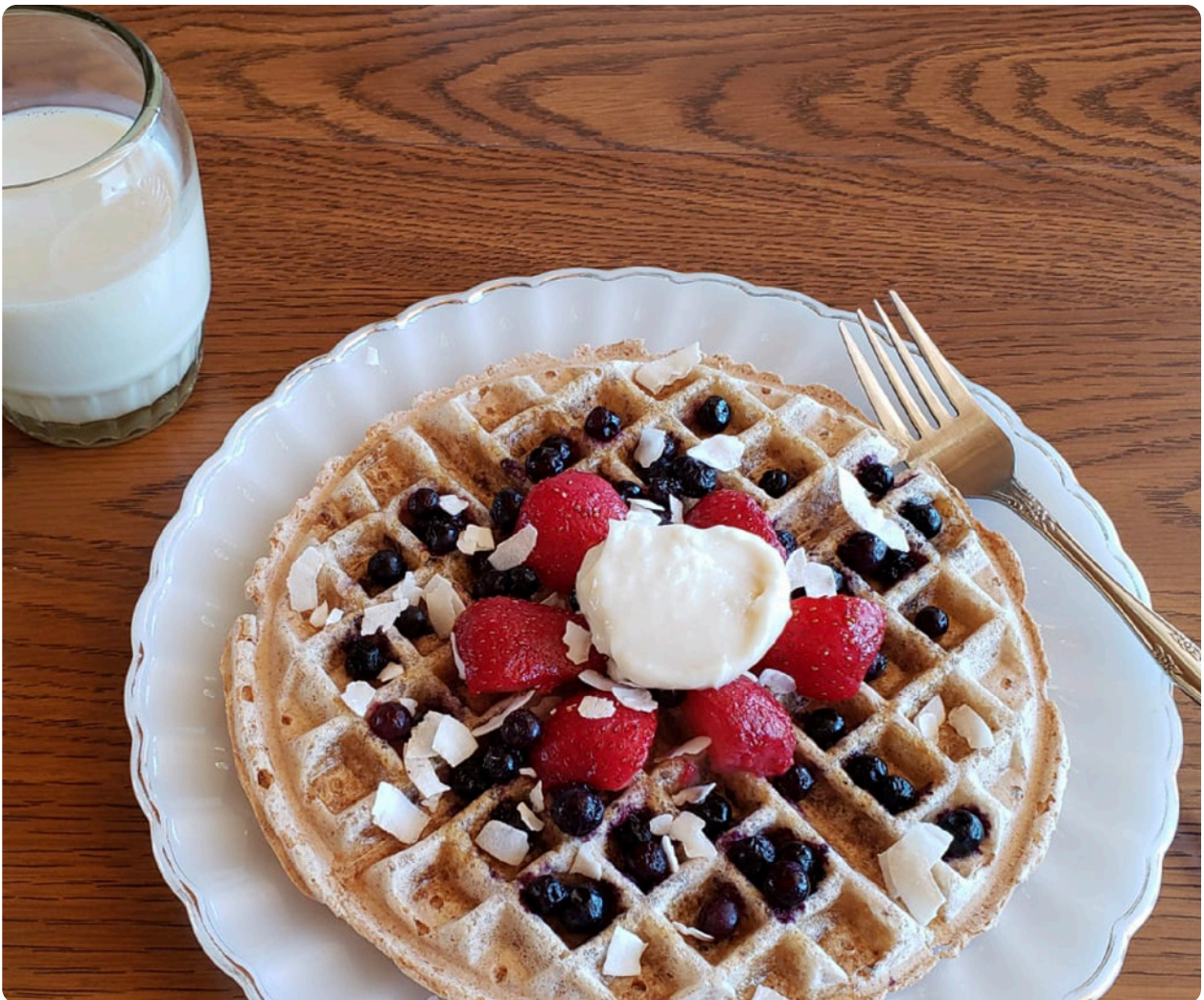


# RECIPE

## Cashew-Oat Waffles

- 2 ¼ c. Water
- 1 ½ c. Oats
- ½ c. Cashews
- ½ tsp Salt
- ¼ tsp Vanilla

Blend all ingredients until smooth – let thicken some. Pour into hot, sprayed irons. Cook approx. 10 min.



# Mission Update Canada



## Ministry Name Change

Greetings,

The ministry of Future News Canada has been at the forefront of teaching the present truth message in Canada for over a decade. Its work in written and audio-visual media has also had an impact across the world field.

Developments within the world movement (the opening up of the Midnight Cry message and the ensuing shaking) have led to changes within the ministry's local context. These changes have necessitated a review of the organization's work in order for it to continue to serve its constituents, and to enable it to continue to add value to the movement at the global level.

This review led to a rebranding exercise which in turn led to the adoption of a new name. Future News Canada will operate as The White Stone Foundation of Canada (White Stone Foundation) going forward.

The white stone concept is drawn from Revelation 2:17 which says:

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

To the overcomer in the grand conflict between truth and error, sin and righteousness, is promised a white stone with a new name. The new name is indicative of their experience

which is the experience of the overcomer. It is the ministry's purpose to lead as many as are seeking God to this experience. We intend to do this principally through media production and in-person instruction offered through schools, camp-meetings, and seminars. Changes to our programming will be communicated to our mailing list and through our social media accounts as they are implemented.

In line with this rebranding exercise our website and contact information has also changed. Please take note of the information below and update your contact lists accordingly.

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Your financial supported is needed and welcome. We accept contributions through the "Support Us" page on our new website. Cheque donations sent by mail should be made out to "White Stone Foundation" going forward.

We continue to solicit your prayers as we chart this new course.

God Bless,

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## Power, equality, nationalism: how the pandemic will reshape the world

The global impact of the coronavirus pandemic poses a fundamental question: is this one of those historic moments when the world changes permanently, when the balance of political and economic power shifts decisively, and when, for most people, in most countries, life is never quite the same again?

Put more simply, is this the end of the world as we know it? And, equally, could the crisis mark a new beginning?

Genuinely pivotal global moments, watersheds or turning points (pick your own terminology) are actually quite rare. Yet if the premise is correct – that there can be no return to the pre-Covid-19 era – then it poses many unsettling questions about the nature of the change, and whether it will be for better or worse. For countless individuals and families, normal life has already been upended in previously unimaginable ways. But how will the pandemic influence the future behaviour of nation states, governments and leaders – and their often dysfunctional relationships? Will they work together more closely, or will this shared trauma further divide them?

Some analysts see grounds for optimism, for example in beneficial environmental ef-

fects in northern Italy and China. Countries hitherto at odds, such as Iran and the UAE, are cooperating, at least temporarily. In the Philippines, the crisis prompted a ceasefire with Communist rebels. Global interdependence and the importance of collective, multilateral approaches have been vividly underscored.

But there is also a more pessimistic view, typified by Stephen Walt, professor of international

relations at Harvard University. “The pandemic will strengthen the state and reinforce nationalism. Governments of all types will adopt emergency measures to manage the crisis, and many will be loath to relinquish these new powers when the crisis is over,” he wrote in *Foreign Policy* magazine.

Walt continued: “Covid-19 will also accelerate the shift in power and influence from west to east. The response in Europe and America has been slow and haphazard by comparison [with China, South Korea and Singapore], further tarnishing the aura of the western ‘brand’... We will see a further retreat from hyper-globalisation, as citizens look to national governments to protect them and as states and firms seek to reduce future vulnerabilities.

“In short, Covid-19 will create a world that is less open, less prosperous and less free.”

Is Walt right? The cop-out answer is only time will tell. Yet the outcome is not preordained. The responses of everybody, from presidents and prime ministers to ordinary citizens, to the myriad challenges and upheavals arising from the pandemic will help determine what happens next.

It’s a chance to reset both global and personal landscapes. Notwithstanding present feelings of powerlessness, there are choices to be made about what kind of future awaits. After Covid-19, everything could be up for grabs.

### Balance of power

After early blunders, China's government is working hard to turn Covid-19, first detected in Wuhan in November, into a national success story. It claims draconian measures to suppress the disease have largely worked. Now, by offering assistance to Italy and other badly affected countries, China is reinforcing its credentials as a global leader. The virus has become a soft power tool to overtake its superpower rival, the US.

"A critical part of this narrative is Beijing's supposed success in battling the virus. A steady stream of propaganda articles, tweets and public messaging, in a wide variety of languages, touts China's achievements and highlights the effectiveness of its model of domestic governance," wrote commentators Kurt Campbell and Rush Doshi in *Foreign Affairs* magazine. In contrast, Donald Trump is struggling to dispel a widespread perception of gross incompetence. "The US government's pandemic leadership has been its own special brand of catastrophe.... [It] has placed its own citizens in unnecessary peril, while sidelining itself from acting as a global crisis leader," wrote Mira Rapp-Hooper of the US Council on Foreign Relations.

"This domestic and international governance crisis could change the nature of the international order in several ways .... If the US remains absent without leave, China may take the crisis as an opportunity to start setting new rules according to its own global governance vision," she continued.

### Authoritarianism and democracy

China's challenge to US hegemony was already strengthening on many fronts before the Covid-19 crisis erupted. The pandemic may accelerate this shift. For US-allied democracies that value open governance, civil rights and free speech, this is a worrying prospect.

The trend towards centralised, authoritarian rule evident in countries such as India, Brazil

and Turkey, and typified by China and Russia, has coincided with the rise of rightwing nationalist-populist governments and parties in Europe. Some are now following China's lead in attempting to weaponise the virus for political ends.

"The pandemic unquestionably presents an era-defining challenge to public health and the global economy [but] its political consequences are less well-understood," the independent monitor, International Crisis Group, warned last week.

"Unscrupulous leaders may exploit the pandemic to advance their objectives in ways that exacerbate domestic or international crises – cracking down on dissent at home or escalating conflicts with rival states – on the assumption that they will get away with it while the world is otherwise occupied," the ICG said.



Hungary's prime minister, Viktor Orbán, may be tempted to use the pandemic to keep his country in a state of emergency. Photograph: Isopix/REX/Shutterstock

One example cited by the report was Vladimir Putin's recent attempt to indefinitely extend his presidency in Russia (although the virus has since forced him to postpone a vote that could have allowed him to stay in power until 2036). Another was a bid by Viktor Orbán, Hungary's nationalist leader, to renew a state of emergency "that prescribes five-year prison sentences for those disseminating false information or obstructing the state's crisis response."

Governments such as Egypt's have followed China's example in expelling foreign journal-

ists, restricting media access and curtailing public discussion. Like Boris Johnson and many European leaders, Trump has also assumed emergency powers. From Bolivia, India, Sri Lanka and Iraq to the US, UK and France, elections have been postponed, parliaments suspended, and lockdowns and curfews imposed. Most people may support such measures in the short term. But what if the crisis is protracted, with a “second wave” running into next year? And what if the new controls are not relaxed or withdrawn after it ends? This is what Harvard’s Stephen Walt meant about the danger of “less free” post-pandemic societies.

### **Globalisation and multilateralism**

Unprecedented government aid packages for businesses and workers, intended to mitigate the disease’s economic and financial impact, have led some analysts to suggest “the state is back” – and that the limits of the postwar neo-liberal, free market model have finally been reached.

What the crisis has shown, it is argued, is that when the challenge is truly existential, only the state can offer holistic and equitable solutions. A natural corollary is that the high-water mark of globalisation has arrived. These are radical paradigm shifts. Will they endure?

“The pandemic could be the straw that breaks the camel’s back of economic globalisation,” wrote Robin Niblett, director of the Chatham House thinktank. The architecture of global economic governance established in the 20th century was at risk, he warned, raising the prospect that political leaders may “retreat into overt geopolitical competition”.

For Robert Kaplan of the Eurasia Group, “coronavirus is the historical marker between the first phase of globalisation and the second .... Globalisation 2.0 is about separating the globe into great-power blocs with their own burgeoning militaries and separate supply chains, about the rise of autocracies, and about social

and class divides that have engendered nativism and populism .... In sum, it is a story about new and re-emerging global divisions.”

If that’s true, few will mourn the passing of the globalisation era. And support for Kaplan’s theory may be found in increased post-pandemic protectionism if, as some predict, countries attempt to limit future exposure to global threats. The UN warned last week of worldwide food shortages caused by lack of workers, tougher immigration controls, sanctions and tariffs – and called for a new, more open approach.

The weakening of multilateral forums and institutions, evident before the crisis, is another sign of a shrinking world. Trying to revive their collective clout, the wealthy G20 countries belatedly pledged last week to do “whatever it takes” to fight the virus. But it remains largely unclear what that entails in practice, and who will take the lead.

### **Fragile world**

The pandemic and its aftermath could be a game-changer for poorer countries with limited resources and means of recovery, and for refugees and people in conflict zones – but probably not in a good way.

The ICG report is blunt: “The global outbreak has the potential to wreak havoc in fragile states [and] trigger widespread unrest. ... If the disease spreads in densely packed urban centres, it may be virtually impossible to control.” This is precisely the fear stalking South Africa’s townships right now.

The report said the dramatic global economic slowdown would disrupt trade flows and create unemployment in commodity-exporting poorer countries. “Its implications are especially serious for those caught in the midst of conflict if, as seems likely, the disease disrupts humanitarian aid flows, limits peace operations, and postpones diplomacy.”



Displaced Syrians wait for hot meal in Idlib, Syria, last month. The pandemic and global economic slowdown will make life in conflict zones even harder. Photograph: Burak Kara/Getty

War-afflicted Syrians, Afghans, Somalis, South Sudanese and Yemenis could be especially badly affected. That's why the UN last week launched an appeal for \$2bn in humanitarian aid. Its secretary-general, António Guterres, wants trillions more in global financial stimulus to prevent "millions" of deaths. "Covid-19 is threatening the whole of humanity and the whole of humanity must fight back," he said.

"The pandemic is a powerful reminder of two things: the shared challenges of our global village, and the deep inequalities we must grapple with to fight them," said David Miliband, who heads the International Rescue Committee. "Coronavirus is not just a problem for rich countries. We are only as strong as our weakest health system."

Whether the international community heeds this and similar calls will be a key test.

### **Resilience and paranoia**

The crisis has exposed an endemic lack of resilience, symbolised by chronically under-resourced healthcare systems in even better-off countries. The decision of many governments to call in the armed forces to help with logistics and manpower partly reflects fears that weakening social cohesion may lead to disorder on the streets.

"If governments have to resort to using para-military or military forces to quell, for example, riots or attacks on property, societies could begin to disintegrate. Thus the main, perhaps even the sole objective of economic policy today [rather than supporting financial markets] should be to prevent social breakdown," wrote Branko Milanović, a professor at the London School of Economics.

Yet, looked at differently, this kind of national mobilisation can be seen as a positive development rather than a threat to civil liberties – and as a more beneficial use of military power. In Britain as elsewhere, the call to arms has created new legions of NHS volunteers. This renewed sense of national sharing and identity is a much-needed antidote to the regressive nationalism of recent years.

"Looking ahead, governments will have to decide whether to support more cooperative approaches to handling the crisis, not only in global public health terms but also as a political and security challenge," the ICG said. "All leaders face pressure to focus on domestic priorities, and in particular to ignore conflict risks in weak states .... But there will be a day after."

While there is concern the pandemic could deepen divisions between countries and, for example, exacerbate anti-migrant sentiment, there is a fighting chance it will boost international cooperation, support for the UN, and a willingness to pursue dialogue rather than military and economic confrontation. The future need not be a globally debilitating US China fight for supremacy.

Elisabeth Braw of the Royal United Services Institute warns of a moment of extreme geopolitical vulnerability. "The coronavirus is a perfect opportunity for the west's adversaries to watch how countries cope – or don't cope – with a major crisis," she wrote. But John Ikenberry, professor of international affairs at Princeton University, is less fearful, pointing to the US-led recovery after the 1930s Depression.

Intensifying great power rivalry in a fractured, damaged, poorer world might indeed be the future that awaits, Ikenberry suggested. But it was equally possible that, “over the longer term, the democracies will come out of their shells to find a new type of pragmatic and protective internationalism”. In other words, after the nightmare, a fresh start.

### Five events that changed the modern world



Never again: Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red, the ceramic poppies at the Tower of London that marked the centenary of the outbreak of the first world war. Photograph: Alamy

#### The Versailles peace conference

The 1919-20 conference that followed the first world war was a historic turning point. It marked the formal demise of the German, Russian and Austro-Hungarian empires, the advance of democratic, representative governance in Europe, and the start of what came to be known as the American or transatlantic century.

#### The Great Depression

The Great Depression, the biggest worldwide economic calamity of the 20th century, began in the US in 1929 after the Wall Street crash.

In the ensuing three years, global GDP fell by about 15% (compared with under 1% in the 2008-09 Great Recession). Things did not really pick up again until the second world war – a drastic remedy.

#### The battle of Stalingrad

Fought on the banks of the Volga in southern Russia in 1942-43, the close to seven-month battle, the biggest in history, proved to be a pivotal moment in the second world war in Europe. For the first time, Hitler’s armies were halted and beaten, and the myth of German invincibility destroyed. About 2 million combatants died.

#### The fall of the Berlin Wall

The peaceful fall in 1989 of the Berlin Wall, the actual and symbolic dividing line between the Soviet bloc and the west, in effect ended the 44-year-long cold war. The ensuing implosion of the Soviet Union triggered the collapse of Russian-backed regimes around the world, leading the US to proclaim itself the sole global superpower.

#### The 9/11 attacks

The attacks launched by al-Qaida on New York and Washington DC in September 2001 punctured American illusions of invulnerability and prompted George W Bush to declare a “global war on terror”. This led directly to the US invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, and the ensuing expansion of anti-western jihadism typified by Islamic State.

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