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*“If all that appears to be divine life were such in reality; if all who profess to present the truth to the world were preaching for the truth and not against it, and if they were men of God guided by His Spirit,—then might we see something cheering amid the prevailing moral darkness. But the spirit of antichrist is prevailing to such an extent as never before. Well may we exclaim: ‘Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.’ I know that many think far too favorably of the present time. These ease-loving souls will be engulfed in the general ruin. Yet we do not despair. We have been inclined to think that where there are no faithful ministers there can be no true Christians, but this is not the case. God has promised that where the shepherds are not true He will take charge of the flock Himself. God has never made the flock wholly dependent upon human instrumentalities. But the days of purification of the church are hastening on apace. God will have a people pure and true. In the mighty sifting soon to take place we shall be better able to measure the strength of Israel. The signs reveal that the time is near when the Lord will manifest that His fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor.” Testimonies, Volume 5, 79.*

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### Mission Statement

The ministry of **Future for America** is to proclaim the final warning message of Revelation 14 as identified within the prophecies of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. The end-time fulfillment of Bible prophecy is no longer future—for it is taking place before our eyes. The historic, prophetic understanding of Seventh-day Adventism is now *present truth*. We are the final generation. Our emphasis on the **prophetic word** includes all the counsel of God's Word. To know what lies ahead is useless if we do not possess the experience to stand during these solemn times. Through obedience to God's law, and faith in the promises of God's Word, we are to receive that experience.

Coupled with the prophetic message, **Future for America** emphasizes all aspects of the **medical missionary work**. The "entering wedge"—medical missionary work—must be practiced by those who are to finish God's work in these final hours.

During this time period, **country living** becomes more essential with each passing moment. **Future for America** upholds and promotes this end-time truth. God's people must prepare for the coming storm, and that preparation includes the experience of learning how to survive in a simple fashion, away from the great centers of population.

**Future for America** intends to print and distribute **truth-filled literature**, while helping to establish lay-printing operations in parts of the Lord's vineyard where faithful brethren do not have the means to raise up a **printing operation** with their own resources.

# MINISTRY UPDATE

We have finally begun to feel as though we are settled into our new home and office. We are spending our time balancing the office, home, study, and gardening. We have discovered that the previous office in Tennessee was only sending out one part of four of the notes for *The Crowning Act* series. If you purchased those presentations and received notes that only covered the first presentation, let us know and we will send you all four parts.

We are asking the Lord to provide funding for a full time translator to work with the new print shop in Colombia. We estimate the expense to be three hundred dollars a month. He will translate Spirit of Prophecy books, health, and other present truth material that is currently only in English. We have worked with this brother in previous works and have confidence in his abilities. If the Lord directs you to help in this regard mark your funds *Spanish Translator*.

The printer is currently in Colombia repairing, setting up equipment, and training the brethren there to operate the machines. By the time you receive this newsletter he should be home. He expects to be there a month, unless he can accomplish everything sooner.

Tico Restrepo and myself will be speaking in Dominican Republic the second week of November. We will be going to Argentina in January. We will probably include another country or two in the Argentina trip as well, for it is a waste of funds to go that far and not make a few more stops while you are there. I speak in Missouri the 19<sup>th</sup> of November. Please keep these trips in your prayers, as there is always resistance through a variety of ways to the material we share, but these messages must go forth.

My wife Kathy says the *Timelines* in this issue are extreme. Since we put the information into the article, more things have taken place which could even make the article more extreme. We hope you recognize that the Holy Spirit is being withdrawn from the earth. Brothers and Sister, we are approaching the end of the line. The *Timelines* this month are not meant to be sensational—just sobering. It is time to wake up and bring our lives into line with the message we proclaim.

The following two articles were referred to and read in the current monthly audio series, *The Overflowing Scourge* series. Neither document is easily available so we have included them here for your consideration.

## A STATEMENT BY ELLEN G. WHITE About the Year 1908

Brother Will Ross (now deceased) was a personal friend of mine, and an acquaintance of about forty-five years. In our church fellowship we frequently spent our Sabbath afternoons discussing his experiences in the message, and his conversations with Mrs. Ellen G. White.

About 1908, while in Loma Linda and living near Sister White, he would frequently accompany her in her walks, and would discuss the message and future events. On one of these walks together, and while waiting at the Loma Linda railroad depot in the company with Sister McInterer and Elder D. E. Robinson (her grand-daughter's husband), Sister White related to the three of them about the storm of persecution that was coming upon the Seventh-day Adventist church. Will Ross related it to me as follows:

“Sister White told us, as we three stood there on the railroad depot platform, that **a terrible storm** of persecution was coming, just like a **windstorm**, that blew down every object that was standing. There was not a Seventh-day Adventist to be seen. They, like the disciples forsook Christ and fled. **All who sought positions were never seen any more.** After the storm there was a calm. Then the Adventists arose like a great flock of sheep that were **without shepherds**. They all united in earnest prayer for help and wisdom, and the Lord answered them by helping them choose **leaders among them, who had never sought positions before.** They prayed earnestly for the aid of the Holy Spirit, which was poured out upon them, making them fully ready for service. They then went forth ‘**fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners**’ to give the message to all the world.”

I was astonished, and asked if that applied to Loma Linda, as we were looking that way. Sister White replied to my question by stating that **it applied to the entire denominational world.** It so stunned me, that I did not ask any more questions.

Will Ross, Boulder Colorado

In the year 1943, Elder D. E. Robinson was visiting the churches of Colorado. I was serving as the elder on the platform that Sabbath that Elder Robinson visited and spoke to the Boulder Seventh-day Adventist Church, and having with him the large Bible which Sister White held in her hand and leafed through during one of her visions.

At the close of the service, Brother Ross talked with Elder Robinson and asked him if he remembered when he and Elder Robinson, and Sister McInterer were standing on the depot platform visiting with Sister White, and related about the terrible windstorm of persecution that was coming upon the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

Elder Robinson replied, "Yes, Brother Ross, I remember it."

So I documented this reply January 15, 1946. Not wishing to forget this important narration that was related to me by Brother Ross, I frequently discussed it with him in later years, and statement never varied.

Signed—Elmer M. Johnson

## **The Present Truth**

Oswego, New York, May, 1850

James White, Publisher

The "casket" represents the great truths of the Bible, relative to the second advent of our Lord Jesus Christ which were given Brother Miller to publish to the world.

The "key attached" was his manner of interpreting the prophetic Word—Comparing scripture with scripture—the Bible its own interpreter. With this key Brother Miller opened the "casket," or the great truth of the advent to the world.

The "jewels, diamonds," of "all sorts and sizes" so "beautifully arranged in their several places in the "casket" represent the children of God, Malachi 3:17, from all the churches, and from almost every station, and situation of life, who received the advent faith, and were seen to take a bold stand in their several stations, in the holy cause of truth. While moving in this order, each attending to his own duty, and walking humbly before God, "they reflected a light and glory" to the world, equaled only by the church in the days of the apostles. The message, Revelation 14:6-7, went as it were, upon the wings of the wind, and the invitation, "Come, for all things are now ready," Luke 14:17, went abroad with power and effect.

"The people began to come in, at first few in number, but increased to a crowd." When the advent doctrine was first preached By Brother Miller, and a very few others, it had but little effect, and but very few were waked up by it; but from 1840 to 1844, wherever it was preached, the whole community as aroused.

When the flying angel Revelation 14:6-7, first began to preach the everlasting good news, "Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgement is come," many shouted for joy in view of the coming of Jesus and the restitution, who afterwards opposed and scoffed and ridiculed the truth that a little before filled them with joy. They troubled and scattered the jewels. This brings us to the autumn of 1844, when the scattering time commenced.

Mark this: It was those who once "shouted for joy" that troubled and scattered the jewels. And none have so effectually scattered the flock, and led them astray since 1844, as those who once preached the truth, and rejoiced in it; but have since denied the work of God, and the fulfillment of prophecy in our past advent experience.

Brother Miller's testimony, for a number of months after the Midnight cry, at the seventh month, 1844, was that the door was shut, and that the advent movement was a fulfillment of prophecy, and that we had been right in preaching time. He then exhorted his brethren, through the "Advent Herald" to hold fast, to be patient and not grudge against one another; and God would soon justify them for preaching time. In this way he plead for the jewels, while he felt his "accountability" for them, and that it would be "immense."

The "spurious jewels and counterfeit coin" that were scattered among the genuine, clearly represent false converts, or "strange children," Hosea 5:7, since the door was shut in 1844.

The "dirt and shavings, sand and all manner of rubbish," represent the various and numerous errors that have been brought in among second advent believers, since the autumn of 1844. Here I will notice a few of them.

1. The stand that some of the "shepherds" presumptuously took immediately after the Midnight cry was given, that the solemn melting power of the Holy Ghost that attended the seventh month movement was a mesmeric influence. George Storrs was among the first to take this stand. See his writings in the latter part of 1844, in the "Midnight-Cry," then published in New York city: J. V. Himes, at the Albany Conference in the spring of 1845, said that the seventh month movement produced mesmerism seven feet deep. This I am told by one who was present, and heard the remark. Others who took an active part in the seventh month cry, have since pronounced that movement the work of the Devil. Attributing the work of Christ and the Holy Ghost to the Devil, was in the days of our Saviour, blasphemy, and it is blasphemy now.

2. The many experiments on definite time. Since the 2300 days ended in 1844, quite a number of times have been set, by different individuals, for their termination in

doing this they have removed the “landmarks,” and have thrown darkness and doubt over the whole advent movement.

3. Spiritualism with all its fancies and extravagances. This wile of the Devil, which has accomplished an awful work of death, is very fitly represented by “shavings,” and “all manner of rubbish.” Many of those who drank down the poison of spiritualism admitted the truth of our past advent experience, and from this fact many have been made to believe that spiritualism was the natural fruit of believing that God conducted the great advent movements in 1843 and 1844. Peter, speaking of those who should “bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them,” says “BY REASON OF WHOM THE WAY OF TRUTH SHALL BE EVIL SPOKEN.”

4. S. S. Snow professing to be “Elijah the Prophet.” This man in his strange and wild career has also acted his part in this work of death, and his course has had a tendency to bring the true position for the waiting saints into disrepute, in the minds of many honest souls.

To this catalogue of errors I might add many more, such as the “thousand years” of Revelation 20:4,7, in the past, the 144,000 of Revelation 7:4, 14:1, those who “arose and came out of the graves” after Christ’s resurrection, the no-work doctrine, the doctrine of the destruction of infants.

These errors were so industriously propagated, and urged upon the waiting flock that, at the time Brother Miller had the dream the true jewels were “excluded from sight,” and the words of the prophet were applicable—“And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off.” See Isaiah 59:14. At that time there was not an advent paper in the land that advocated the cause of present truth. The “*Day-Dawn*,” was the last to defend the true position of the little flock; but that died a number of months before the Lord gave Brother Miller his dream; and in its last dying struggle pointed the weary sighing saints to 1877, then thirty years in the future, as the time of their final deliverance. Alas! Alas! No wonder Brother Miller in his dream, “sat down and wept” over this sad state of things.

The casket represented the advent truth that Brother Miller published to the world, as is marked out by the parable of the ten virgins. Matthew 25:1–11. First the time, 1843, second, the tarrying time, third the midnight cry, at the seventh month, 1844, and fourth, the shut door. No one who has read the second advent papers since 1843, will deny that Brother Miller has advocated these four important points in advent history. This harmonious system of truth or “casket” has been torn in pieces, and scattered among the rubbish by those who have rejected their own experience, and have denied the very truths that they, with

Brother Miller so fearlessly preached to the world.


The man with the “dirt brush” represents the clear light of present truth as brought to view by the third angel’s message, Revelation 14:9–12, which is now purging the errors away from the remnant. The cause of present truth began to revive in the spring of 1848, and has been rising and gaining strength from that time to the present. The “dirt-brush” has been moving, and the errors have been passing away before the clear light of truth, and some of the precious jewels, who but a short time since were covered up and excluded from sight by darkness and error, now stand in the clear light of present truth. This work of bringing out the jewels, and purging away error is fast-increasing, and is destined to move on with increasing power, until the saints are all searched out, and receive the seal of the living God. Compare this with the thirty fourth chapter of Ezekiel, and you will see that God has promised to gather His flock that have been scattered in this dark and cloudy day, since 1844. Before Jesus comes, the “little flock” will be gathered into the “unity of faith.” Jesus is now purifying “unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works,” and when He comes He will find His “church not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing.” “Whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the garner,” Matthew 3:12.


Brother Miller closed his eyes in death December 22, 1849, which fulfilled the following words in his dream, “In the bustle I closed my eyes for a moment.” This wonderful fulfillment is so plain that none will fail to see it.

The second “casket much larger and more beautiful than the former” into which the scattered “jewels,” “diamonds, and coins were gathered, represents the broad field of living present truth into which the scattered flock will be gathered, even 144,000, all of them having the seal of the living God. Not one of the precious diamonds will be left in the dark. Although some are not bigger than the point of a pin, they will not be over looked, and left out in this day when God is making up his jewels. Malachi 3: 16–18 He can send his angels and haste them out as he did Lot out of Sodom. A short work will the Lord make upon the earth. He will cut it short in righteousness. See Romans 7:2&8.

The church will then be pure and “without fault before the throne of God,” having confessed all their errors, faults and sins, and having had them washed away by the blood of Christ and blotted out, they will shine with “ten times their former glory.”

# YOUR LETTERS . . . .


 Dear Jeff, I am sorry I haven't written to you sooner. My wife and I are enjoying the newsletter and tapes. The message that these contain are very important for this time. God is telling us to get ready for His coming is soon. Please keep us on your mailing list. We would like to receive more of these. I am enclosing a donation for this wonderful ministry. I don't know who sent our names in, but praise God for the messages. A Brother and Sister in Christ, WEC


 Dear Brethren, Enclosed is a donation to help you in your missionary work. We have been operating a small school (grades 1-8) as a self-supporting school. Please remember us in your prayers. So much is going in the world and in the church. A body can barely keep up with the unfolding events.


On Wednesday night the Fox television network aired a television program titled, *Signs from God*, my understanding is that it was promoting Catholicism and setting the public up for Satan to make his appearance. I would like for you to inquire around and see if any one video taped it. I would like to get a copy. It would be a good witnessing tool for exposing Catholicism.

Please remember us in your prayers—celebration, new theology, and lowered standards are common here. May God bless your ministry. Sincerely, WA—AL

[Editor's note: Pat Rampy, our coeditor, checked with Fox television network about obtaining a copy of the show and was turned down. Perhaps someone taped it? If so we would also like a copy.]


 Dear *Future for America*, My love gift is \$\$ for spreading the gospel. May the Lord continue to bless each of you. I missed the newsletter and tape. I really enjoy them. I do know you are all really busy. You are in my prayers. A Sister in Christ, DM


 Dear *Future for America* ministry, Thank you very much for sending me your newsletters. I am greatly blessed and strengthened spiritually. I share xerox copies to my friends. I'm praying that God will richly bless you and your ministry. Enclosed is a donation money order in the amount of \$\$\$. You can use it where most needed. I'll be leaving with my wife on August 19<sup>th</sup> for a two month vacation to the Philippines. If God wills we'll be back by October. Please pray for us. Your brother in Christ, PF


 Dear Friends, I don't know who sent my name to you, but I have really enjoyed each and every one of the tapes, and would very much like to continue receiving them.

I am enclosing a small donation. Hopefully I can send more later. Are you regular Seventh-day Adventist members, or are you an Independent Ministry? Your messages are wonderful! May God bless you in your work. I am sending this with my prayers. RG


[Editor's note: The staff of *Future for America*, are members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, who are currently serving the Lord in a self-supporting ministry.]

 Dear Ones, MM and SW have shared your tapes with me. They have been a real blessing. God Bless your labors for Him. Sincerely, SRW


 Brother Jeff, Thank you for your reply to my e-mail, for the tapes and notes. I am enclosing a check to cover the cost of the tapes, the cost of sending the paper, and the tape connected with it. I will be happy to keep receiving your newsletter. If you have some back copies, I would enjoy them. So thankful for the warning messages on these tapes. God bless you in you work. Sincerely in Christ, LC

 We have welcomed into our homes all the tapes and messages you have sent us. We can see how God has blessed *Future for America* in spreading the gospel. We received a tape by Daniel Cuccaro. We are interested in getting the rest of the series and anything else you have that can aide in end time awareness. Your brothers & sisters in Christ, A&E

[Editor's note: We also send out a monthly newsletter and audio tape in Spanish. We have recently sent out a 4-part series by Daniel Cuccaro.]

 Dear Mr. & Mrs. Pippenger, Thank you for your good tape and *Future for America*. It was a pleasant surprise to find your tape & magazine when I came home from church. Can you imagine how happy I was to receive a parcel from you? I received your tape & magazine on Sabbath day. I will always remember your kindness. Did your receive my first letter? I enclosed some cards in the letter. I am very sad if you didn't receive it. I have been reading *The Great Controversy*. I was touched by the book. I decided that I will be faithful to God.

It's gradually getting colder. I have a cold. I miss you very much. I am sorry for my poor English. It's a lot of trouble for me to write a letter in English, even if it's a short one. I'm looking forward to hearing from you soon. Again I say thank you, God bless you, Your special friend, HMA

 *Future for America*, Please continue praying for my loved ones, two of whom wish to have victory over smoking. May God bless you both in your mission an every way. Love in Christ, HR—FL

# TIME LINES

In The Stream Of Time . . . . Near The End Of The Line.

"The plagues of God are already beginning to be poured out upon the earth. The evidences before us indicate that God's Spirit is being withdrawn from the earth. Only a little while longer shall we be permitted to labor, and then in heaven it will be said, 'It is done.' 'He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.'" *Review and Herald*, May 27, 1902.

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. Matthew 24:7.

## TAIWANESE AFTERSHOCKS

Two aftershocks measuring 6.8 and 6.1 on the Richter scale came just a half-hour apart. A third, at 6.0, came a few hours later. The aftershocks were the strongest of the more than 2,000 on the island since the main quake. Officials on Wednesday raised the death toll to some 2,000. Almost 2,600 victims were believed trapped in the rubble, according to the Interior Ministry's disaster management center. About 4 million households were still without power. The earthquake registered 7.6 on the open-ended Richter scale—the strongest recorded in Taiwan and more powerful than Turkey's 7.4 tremor on August 17, which killed more than 15,000 people.

## GREECE AND TURKEY STRUCK AGAIN

**September 21, 1999**—The earthquake-weary countries of Greece and Turkey were shaken once again early Monday. At least 21 people were reported injured in a magnitude 4.5 quake in Turkey, which was centered near Adapazari, close to Izmit, one of the hardest-hit cities in the August 17 quake that killed more than 15,600 people. The Greek quake was centered beneath the seabed between Samothraki Island and the city of Thrace. There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage.

## MODERATE EARTHQUAKE RATTLES SONOMA COUNTY

**September 23**, ROHNERT PARK, California (AP)—An earthquake measuring 4.2 in magnitude caused no major damage or injuries, but its quick jolt rattled a lot of nerves.

The quake was felt as far south as San Francisco. The quake was the second recent moderate earthquake in the region. On August 17, a 5.0 magnitude quake struck near Bolinas, just 25 miles south of Rohnert Park.

## STRONG QUAKE JOLTS CHINA'S REMOTE NORTHWEST, NO INJURIES

**September 24**, BEIJING (AP)—A strong earthquake rattled buildings in a remote part of northwestern China's Xinjiang region, the local Seismological Bureau said today. There were no reports of deaths or injuries. The 5.1 magnitude quake struck Thursday evening.

## MODERATE QUAKES SHAKE INYO FOREST & SAN BENITO COUNTY

**September 24**, OLANCHA, California (AP)—A moderate quake struck an area seven miles south of Olancha near the Inyo National Forest, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries. The magnitude-3.4 temblor hit the remote area about 8:42 PM Thursday, said seismologist Nick Scheckel with the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. He said it was a new earthquake and not an aftershock. A smaller quake shook in San Benito County this morning. The preliminary magnitude-3.1 tremor hit at 12:21 AM three miles west of San Juan Bautista.

## A 4.3-MAGNITUDE QUAKE RATTLES DEATH VALLEY

**September 26**, STOVEPIPE WELLS, California (AP)—A 4.3-magnitude quake struck a remote area near the California-Nevada border Sunday morning. The quake struck at 9:15 AM about 20 miles north-northwest of Stovepipe Wells, a camping area at Death Valley National Park.

## **THREE KILLED IN AFTERSHOCK OF TAIWAN**

**September 26, TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)**—A strong aftershock rocked Taiwan Sunday, killing three people, injuring 58 others and collapsing several buildings weakened by the killer quake that struck six days earlier.


## **IRAN SHAKEN BY QUAKES**

**September 27**—At least 14 people were injured when a magnitude 5.1 earthquake rattled Iran's southern Gulf Coast area of Bushehr last Friday evening. The tremor caused significant damage to a number of homes in several communities throughout the area. All of those injured were from Ali Hosseini, near the port city.

A separate magnitude 4.3 tremor rumbled through the area of Shiraz in southern Iran at 1:26 PM local time on Saturday. There were no reports of injuries or damage from that quake.

## **DEATH TOLL IN MEXICAN QUAKE HITS 18**

**MEXICO CITY (CNN)**—The death toll from Mexico's earthquake continued to rise Friday as the government said at least 18 people were dead and 47 others injured. A government official said most of the deaths occurred in the state of Oaxaca, where Thursday's quake was centered. Many of those who died, were killed by collapsing buildings. Nearly all of the 3,184 buildings that were damaged were in the state of Oaxaca, according to Jose Luis Alcuia, The quake lasted about a minute and was felt in Mexico City, where thousands of frightened office workers ran into the streets. A 1985 earthquake in Mexico City killed at least 9,500 people. Mexico City is built on an old lake bed, which tends to amplify the tremors from an earthquake.

 **September 30, SOMES BAR, California (AP)**—A small earthquake struck remote Siskiyou County, less than a day after another minor tremor hit the same area. The preliminary magnitude was 3.9.

## **INDONESIA ROCKED BY QUAKE**

**October 1**—A magnitude 5.6 earthquake rumbled across Indonesia's eastern spice islands at noon on Wednesday, but there were no reports of casualties or

damage. The quake struck close to the island of Ternate, located 1,430 miles east of Jakarta.

"As the restraining power of the **Holy Spirit shall be withdrawn**, because of the impenitence and ingratitude of men, **terrible things will be witnessed in the earth.**" *Review and Herald*, September 3, 1889.

## **PHILIPPINE VOLCANO SPEWS SMOKE, THOUSANDS EVACUATED**

**September 22, LEGAZPI, Philippines (AP)**

A Philippine volcano spewed thick, ash-laden smoke and burning rocks high into the air on Wednesday, forcing the evacuation of at least 2,000 villagers, officials said. Mayon Volcano, one of the Philippines' most active, shot smoke up to 3.7 miles into the air, but there were no signs that a major eruption would occur. Disaster officials said there were no immediate reports of deaths or injuries. Residents in Albay's capital city of Legazpi said they felt the ground shake mildly as the volcano spewed ash and smoke shortly before noon, sending many residents running out into streets.

Residents near the volcano have been taught to wear gas masks or cover their faces with wet towels or shirts during ash ejections to avoid pulmonary problems. Mayon, a popular tourist attraction, last erupted in February 1993, killing at least 70 people. Scientists have been closely monitoring the volcano since it released ash-laden steam on June 22. Officials have advised about 1,800 families living in six villages within about 3.5 miles of the summit to voluntarily leave for safer areas, but many ignore such warnings. The danger zone was demarcated after the 1993 eruption. Mayon's most violent eruption was recorded on February 1, 1814. The eruption killed more than 1,200 people and buried an entire town in volcanic mud flows. The Philippines is in the Pacific "Ring of Fire," where there are frequent earthquakes and volcanic activity.

## **ECUADOR VOLCANO: GUAGUA PICHINCHA**

**September 22**—It has been reported during last the 24 hours, that 171 volcano-tectonic events have been registered. The major events reached magnitudes of 2.0 degrees on the scale of Richter and they were located between 1 and 4 km under the south-western edge of the volcano.

## **MEXICO VOLCANO: POPOCATEPETL**

**September 22**—The past 24 hours the volcano maintained the same levels of activity observed in the past days. Several exhalations of small to moderate intensity and short duration occurred accompanied by gas, steam and some by small ash emissions like the one which occurred this morning. At the time of this report a gas and steam fumarole persists directed to the Northwest. As more explosive eruptions might occur in the next hours or days, it is strongly recommended to keep away from the volcano for a radius of at least 5 km around the crater.

## **SICILY VOLCANO: MT. ETNA**

As of the **22nd of September**, eruptive activity is continuing at Etna's summit craters, and lava continues to flow from the eruptive fracture first observed on 12 September. During the early morning hours of 20 September, an episode of lava fountaining occurred at the Bocca Nuova, but this was much less intense than the 4 September eruptive episode at the Voragine. Strombolian activity in the summit area (the precise location of this activity was not identified) was observed in the evening of 20 September from Nicolosi on the southern flank of the volcano.

## **HAWAII VOLCANO: KILAUEA**

As of the **22nd of September**, a lava pond continues to occupy the crater of Pu'u 'O'o. However, there is still no volcanic tremor, no lava is entering the sea, and there have been no reports of lava in the tube system. The pond level has risen during the past week, as if being pushed by magma in the rift zone. Kilauea's summit tilt is now higher than before September 12. The earthquake swarm of the past two days seems to have ended.

## **ECUADOR VOLCANO READY TO ERUPT**

**September 29, QUITO**—They've been on yellow alert for almost a year, but now more than a million people in Ecuador are on full alert. They live under the shadow of a volcano that's getting ready to blow. In the capital city of Quito—only 11 kilometres west of the volcano—schools have been closed, and emergency shelters have opened up. Quito and the surrounding area was upgraded to orange alert, one level be-

low a red alert, the highest level which means the volcano could erupt in a matter of hours or days. Already the volcano has begun to spit ash, covering Quito with a few centimeters of the stuff. Experts say there's a 90 per cent chance the Guagua Pichincha volcano will erupt; the only question is when. They say it could happen any day, or it could take a few weeks. Guagua Pichincha has been asleep for centuries. It last exploded in 1660, raining ash and rock on Quito but not spilling any lava.

## **ECUADOR VOLCANO: TUNGURAHUA**

**September 22**—As of this weekend several seismic signals corresponding to gas transmissions were registered and still they continue intermittently. Four earthquakes under Tungurahua volcano have been located between the 17th and 20th of September.

## **REUNION ISLAND VOLCANIC EXPLOSION**

**September 29**, Piton de la Fournaise Volcano on the Indian Ocean island of Reunion erupted again on Tuesday for the second time in two months. The explosion sent a plume of volcanic ash and smoke billowing into the skies over Reunion. Witnesses reported lava shooting 164 feet into the air from two new rifts on the slopes of the volcano. Lava flowed down the uninhabited southern slope of the 8,600-foot volcano, which dominates the French island. A 164-foot-wide river of molten lava ran 2,000 feet down the mountainside to the sea. Government officials said the explosion did not endanger residents or property. Reunion is located 118 miles southwest of the island of Mauritius

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**October 1**—Vulcanologists warned on Thursday that the Philippines' Taal Volcano has shown alarming increases in seismic and geyser activity. Officials declared certain tourist spots around the mountain off limits. Taal, which is located 47 miles south of Manila, attracts many foreign and local tourists with its picturesque location in a lake in the city of Batangas. The 1,020-foot-high volcano erupted in 1977, but caused no casualties or damages. In 1965, a strong eruption killed nearly 200 people who lived close to the volcano.

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## ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE SEEN AS RISK IN FOOD SUPPLY

SAN FRANCISCO, September 27, (Reuters)—

The increased use of antibiotics in food animals is boosting the risk that dangerous “superbugs” resistant to drug treatment could be passed along to humans, scientists said on Monday.

“It’s not just a single pig or a single cow. It’s a whole food commodity issue,” Michael Osterholm, CEO of the Infection Control Advisory Network, told a news conference at a scientific meeting here. “Red meat, white meat, produce—any commodity stream can play a role.”

Scientists both in Europe and the United States have raised questions over the treatment of food ani-

mals with antibiotics, which farmers use widely both to fight animal illness and as part of animal feed to promote growth. The European Union banned four antibiotics used in animal feed last December, hitting multinational drug companies Rhone Poulenc, Pfizer, Eli Lilly’s Elanco Animal Health and Alpharma and potentially costing them hundreds of millions of dollars in lost sales. In the United States, authorities have moved more slowly, with the Food and Drug Administration monitoring the veterinary use of antimicrobial drugs with an eye toward regulating those drugs seen most likely to create resistant bacteria which could lead to human illness.

Bacteria which shrugs off one of the most powerful known antibiotics—vancomycin—has been found in some US chicken feed, and research on pigs, cows and chickens has revealed signs that drug-resistant strains of salmonella, campylobacter and other bacteria are also spreading through animal populations. In a series of reports at the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy here, scientists presented new findings indicating that the problem is growing more complex as governments try to assess how much of a threat dinner may really pose to public health. In a study at the University of Antwerp, researchers found that samples of chickens, pigs and turkeys turned up “alarmingly high” anti-microbial resistance rates among strains of campylobacter bacteria, which are a major cause of human gastroenteritis and diarrhoea.

“There is growing scientific evidence that the use of antibiotics in food animals leads to the development of resistant pathogenic bacteria that can reach humans through the food chain,” the study’s authors concluded.

**“The condition of things in the world shows that troublous times are right upon us.** The daily papers are full of indications of a terrible conflict in the near future. Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. Strikes are common. Thefts and murders are committed on every hand. **Men possessed of demons** are taking the lives of men, women, and little children. Men have become infatuated with vice, and every species of evil prevails.” *Testimonies*, volume 9, 11.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD STUNNED AFTER ALLEGED GANG RAPE OF 8-YEAR-OLD

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AP)—The abandoned two-story house on Sherburne Avenue sits in an old, tree-lined neighborhood where paint is peeling off many of the modest homes. The house was a lure for neighborhood kids who slipped in to play or explore. Earlier this month, however, police said the old house was the scene of the gang rape of an 8-year-old girl—a crime allegedly instigated by her brother. Seven boys—ages 6 to 13—are suspected in the attack. Police questioned three of the playmates Monday at an elementary school and the other four Tuesday. None were arrested.

“It’s a bad situation,” police spokesman Michael Jordan said. “It’s a terrible impact certainly on this little girl and possibly some of the boys.” According to the boys, the group was inside the abandoned house playing hide-and-go-seek, riding skateboards and trading cards when the 9-year-old brother persuaded his younger sister to enter. Four of the boys—ages 10, 11 and 13—raped the girl, including her brother, police said. Two other boys—ages 6 and 9—admitted fondling the girl, and one 9-year-old told police he only watched. Investigators determined that the girl’s brother instigated the attack and told her not to tell her mother. The alleged assault occurred September 7 or 8, but wasn’t reported to police until last week by the victim’s mother.

**“The Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the earth, and unrepentant sinners are being left to the control of the enemy, to the destiny that they themselves have chosen.”** *Manuscript Releases*, volume four, 214.

## AIRLINE PASSENGER FOUND GUILTY OF “AIR RAGE”

September 23, CAMDEN, New Jersey—A woman, Celeste Keenan, 37, of Shamong, who kicked a 12-year-old boy’s seat aboard her flight, causing him to hit his head, has been found guilty of “air rage.” The conviction carries a maximum six months in jail and a \$5,000 fine. During the trial, passengers testified that Keenan walked onto the Spirit Airlines flight from Florida to Atlantic City in July and sprayed the cabin area with perfume after complaining about an odor. Keenan later fell asleep and pressed her feet

against the seat in front of her, which was occupied by the 12-year-old boy. When he reclined, Keenan complained and gave the seat a “mule kick” that broke the chair, sandwiching the boy. The boy said Keenan told him, “I’ll kill you. I’ll sue your family so bad, you’ll be living in the street.” Sentencing was scheduled for December.

## NAVY AIRMEN ARRESTED FOR KILLING SEVEN PREGNANT COWS

September 23, RENO, Nevada—Two Navy airmen were jailed Thursday on charges of shooting to death seven pregnant cows. Sheriff Bill Lawry said the two admitted they “shot some moos.” When asked why they shot the cows, their answer was “Because.” When asked, “Because why?” The two men really couldn’t answer. The men were charged with grand larceny and jailed on \$35,000 bail. They could get 10 years in prison if convicted. One cow was shot as it gave birth. One was shot 12 times. “It’s totally inhumane,” said Roger Mills, a rancher who owned one of the cows. “I just can’t understand the sporting instinct when a cow just stands there and looks at you.” The air station is about 60 miles east of Reno, where dozens of wild horses were shot to death last December. Two former Marines and a high school buddy are awaiting trial.

## POLICE FIND FROZEN BODIES STUFFED INTO FREEZER

September 23, INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—The bodies of a woman and an infant wrapped in blue plastic tarps have been found stuffed inside a freezer. Deputies with the Marion County Sheriff’s Department made the discovery Wednesday after trying to arrest John Adams, 24, who rented the house and is wanted on charges of holding up two restaurants. He remained at large Wednesday. The unidentified bodies, which had been wrapped separately, were taken to the city morgue for autopsies. Police Sgt. Paul Ciesielski said he didn’t know how long the bodies had been in the freezer or their cause of death. He said no additional charges have been filed against Adams.

“At this point, he’s just wanted really for questioning for these deaths,” he said. “Obviously he’s our main focus at this point.”

## **DEAD BABY FOUND IN MICROWAVE OVEN**

LANEXA, Virginia (AP)—Authorities are investigating the death of a month-old baby found in a microwave oven in his parents' home. Neighbors said they heard the father of Joseph Lewis Martinez screaming shortly before sheriff's deputies arrived at the house early Thursday. Lanexa is a rural community in New Kent County, about 35 miles east of Richmond.

"That was his pride and joy, that baby," said Steve Walker, a friend of father Joe Martinez, 18. The microwave oven had been turned on, but no cause of death has been released. An autopsy was to be performed. According to Sheriff Farrar W. Howard Jr., a deputy responded to a call at the home shortly before 6 AM about the baby being missing, and the body was found soon after the deputy arrived. Howard said both parents were at home when the deputy arrived.

## **September 29, NORTH VANCOUVER—**

New information released Wednesday in the case of the baby that fell from a North Vancouver bridge suggests the baby's mother attempted to kill her daughter. Eighteen-month-old Kaya Hama-Werbes suffered only minor injuries after trees broke her fall. Police believe Hama didn't want Kaya because the baby suffers from Down's syndrome and was difficult to care for.

## **PROBE INTO ALLEGED ORGAN THEFT FROM TURKISH QUAKE VICTIMS**

(AP) ANKARA, Turkey—Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit on Friday ordered an investigation into press reports that groups were cutting open bodies of people killed in last month's earthquake to illegally harvest their organs. The investigation follows repeated reports in the media that some bodies in the morgue in Cinarcik, a summer resort devastated in the August 17 quake, were discovered with incisions and missing organs. Most of the bodies from that morgue were quickly buried in mass graves along with thousands of others in the chaotic first few days that followed the devastating tremor. More than 15,500 people were killed in the quake. There have been persistent reports in the Turkish media of the existence of an "organ mafia" that buys kidneys and other organs from poor

Turks or steals them from the dead for sale to wealthy Europeans needing transplants. Several Turks have been jailed in recent years for brokering the sale of organs from impoverished Turks to foreigners or foreign hospitals.

**"There are tower builders in our time.** Infidels construct their theories from the supposed deductions of sciences, and reject the revealed word of God. They presume to pass sentence upon God's moral government; they despise His law and boast of the sufficiency of human reason. They, 'because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.' Ecclesiastes 8:11." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 123-124.

## **NASA MARS PROBE PRESUMED LOST AFTER ENTERING ORBIT TOO LOW**

September 23, PASADENA, California (AP)—A \$125 million spacecraft designed to be NASA's first interplanetary weather satellite was presumed lost on Mars today after it failed to regain contact with Earth following a critical engine firing to place it in orbit around the red planet. A preliminary analysis shows that Orbiter made too close an approach to the planet and likely broke into pieces or burned up in the atmosphere. The problem likely stemmed from human or software error, not a mechanical problem with the spacecraft. An investigation has been launched to determine the exact cause.

## **OTHER NATIONS' Y2K GLITCHES MAY AFFECT U.S.**

September 23—The failure of other countries to fix their Year 2000 computer problems could cause global disruptions that would "wash up on our shores," creating the potential for higher energy prices, supply shortages and even a mild economic downturn, a Senate panel said yesterday. In its final report before the end of the year on the state of Y2K readiness, the Senate Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem reported particular concern about possible breakdowns in China, Russia, Italy and several oil-producing nations.

The report predicted "severe long—and short-term disruptions to supply chains" that may cause a low-to-moderate downturn in the economy, particularly in

industries that depend on foreign suppliers. Oil, a lifeblood of the economy, is a major concern. "The committee also expects that the Y2K-induced disruptions in the flow of imported oil may . . . impact gasoline prices."

## MAJOR ACCIDENT AT JAPANESE URANIUM-PROCESSING PLANT

September 30, TOKYO (AP)—A major leak at a uranium-processing plant in northeastern Japan today sent radiation levels skyrocketing and contaminated dozens of workers, sending at least three to the hospital. The nuclear reaction, which prompted authorities to order 310,000 residents to remain in their homes, was continuing early Friday. Workers began removing water from the cooling equipment around the tank to stop it, Science and Technology Agency official Eiichiro Watanabe said. "A major accident resulting in a radioactive leak has happened. We apologize from the bottom of our hearts," said Koji Kitani, president of JCO Co., the private company that operates the plant. Company officials said they thought that while radioactivity was released into the atmosphere, the radioactive material itself remained contained. Hiromu Nonaka, the top government spokesman, called the accident "unprecedented," and officials said no previous Japanese accident had left workers so seriously injured. About 150 people were evacuated from the area around the plant in the town of Tokaimura, 70 miles northeast of Tokyo.

"Transgression has almost reached its limits. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. **The end is very near.** We who have the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise." *Testimonies*, volume 8, 28.

## VENTURA MAKES CRITICISMS ON RELIGION

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AP)—In another reminder that Gov. Jesse Ventura is no ordinary politician, the former wrestler told *Playboy* magazine that organized religion is for "weak-minded people" and that the Navy's Tailhook sexual harassment scandal was "much ado about nothing." He also said he believed, President Kennedy was killed by the "military-industrial

complex" because he opposed intervention in Vietnam.

Ventura, who has gained national influence in the Reform Party since he upset two veteran politicians in Minnesota's gubernatorial race last year, aired his views on subjects ranging from beautiful women to what life in the White House would be like.

"Organized religion is a sham and a crutch for weak-minded people who need strength in numbers," the governor said. "It tells people to go out and stick their noses in other people's business."

[**Editor's note:** Who was that once said, "Religion is the opiate of the people.?" Karl Marx? Joseph Stalin?]



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“Watchman, Watchman. What of the Night?” He calleth me out of Mount Seir. Isaiah 21:11,12.

The mocking voice of Edom call's to God's watchmen. Esau is Edom, Genesis 36:8. Remember Esau was Jacob's brother and Esau knew the truth, but did not choose to follow it like Jacob.

The reply of the watchman: “The morning cometh, and also the night. If ye will enquire, enquire ye, return, come.”

We are told in the Spirit of Prophecy that soon the world will know what the night is. Jesus said, “Work while it is day, for the night cometh in which no man can work,” John 9:4.

For many years the people of the world have said, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from creation,” 2 Peter 3:3-7. In the last days “Scoffers shall come, walking after their own lusts.”

The people of America have turned away their ears from hearing the Truth and have turned unto fables. Walt Disney stories, ect. But all things are not continuing as they were. The items given below I hope will prove to the inquiring mind the truth that the promise of His coming is true and sure and we near the end of this world's history.

**ITEM 1**—The increase of earthquakes all over the earth. In the year's 1900 to 1910 there were 3 earthquakes over 6.0 on the Richter scale. Between 1980 and 1989 there were 310. Between 1990 and 1996 there occurred 747. The recent one in Turkey killed over 13,000 people by official count. Then came Taiwan.

**ITEM 2**—The weather. Hurricanes, tornadoes, droughts, oppressive heat, floods, ect. Many scientists say recent storms prove that global warming is changing the world's climate. The largest volcanic eruption of the twentieth century heaved over 20 million tons of hot gas and ash into the stratosphere. “There is a record set somewhere everyday,” said Steve Zebiak, an atmospheric scientist at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory. [Mount Pinatubo, Philippines, June, 1992.]

**ITEM 3**—The economic picture. For Revelation 13:17 to be fulfilled there must be a control established over buying and selling. There is present today the thinking that a global financial system is what the world needs. Let me quote: “The leading nations must be united in this belief, (interdependence), so that they can collectively address and resolve issues that belong to the Global Community,” *The Borderless World*, Kenichi Ohmae, a Japanese economist.

In the National Catholic Register of March 13, 1988 was printed a Papal encyclical, “Populorum Progressio.” Dealing with social concerns. Quote: “For world peace is inconceivable unless the world's leaders come to recognize that interdependence demands the abandonment of all forms of economic, military, or political imperialism and the transformation of mutual distrust into collaboration” In other words a One World Government. The Papal encyclical goes on to say, “The characteristic principle of Christian social doctrine: the goods of this world are originally meant for all . . . private property, in fact, is under social mortgage, which means, the universal destination of goods.”

As of March 1995, Europe forged a free trade zone of 19 [not 10] nations with 380 million consumers. Here we have the beginnings of a world economic system coming together, and Rome wants it. David Rockefeller, the powerful leader of the Council on Foreign Relations said, “We are on the verge of a global transformation. All we need is the right major crisis and the nations will accept the New World Order.” I believe the catalyst to bring in the New World Order, the one world government needed to enforce the worship of the beast and impose the mark upon all nations, and peoples will be the [planned?] collapse of the monetary system.

**ITEM 4**—One World Religion. And all the world wondered after the beast. Revelation 13:3, tells us there is coming a time when all the world and the peoples of the world shall worship, not the true God of the Bible, but the false Babylonian system set up by Lucifer, (Satan) and the devil comes as “an angel of light,” 2

Corinthians 11:14. The apostle Paul is warning the new believers in Corinth against accepting ministers who are false apostles pretending to be ministers of righteousness.

“The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the abyss to clasp the hands with the Roman power.” *The Great Controversy*, 588.

We have seen this phase of prophecy already fulfilled when on March 29, 1994, the leading Evangelicals and Catholics signed a joint declaration titled, *Evangelicals and Catholics Together: the Christian Mission in the Third Millennium*. Pat Robertson, Christian Coalition founder and Chuck Colson, with others joined with Roman Catholic leaders in upholding the ties of faith that bind them together. This declaration overthrows the Protestant Reformation, and as Cardinal Strick of Chicago said, “America is no longer a Protestant nation.” The issues they came together over is abortion, school vouchers, race, family values, and pornography.

The issues, which they claim unite them, could be dealt with by individual churches—without compromising doctrines. The move for unity does not mention doctrine. They say doctrine divides us, therefore we bury any mention of it and unify on emotional issues instead. As Ralph Reed, the former executive director of the Christian Coalition stated: “The arguments for Catholics and Protestants to draw together is so compelling that we cannot afford to be divided.”

On January 2, 2000, [a Sunday] at 4 PM at the Arco Arena in Sacramento, California there will be a gathering together in a demonstration of unity. The theme will be, “One in Christ,” to express and celebrate their faith and unity. This is they say, a “historic event.” The churches represented are: Assembly of God, Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, Missionary Baptist, and Roman Catholic. It is being given wide publicity among the churches. The media will be in attendance that Sunday.

When the Dalai Lama visited in 1998, he was given a standing ovation—by the Christian communities. The Christians took part alongside Buddhists, Hindus, Jews, Muslims, Sikhs and other religions. It is not hard to see the worlds religions coming together to worship Satan when he comes as the great antichrist.

“Weeping endureth for a night, but Joy cometh in the morning.” Psalm 30:5.

## POPE JOHN PAUL II TO VISIT ISRAEL IN MARCH 2000

September 22, 1999—Israel Wire: Pope John Paul II will likely visit Israel in March, Papal Nuncio Pietro Sambo said last week. Although a visit **for the millenium has long been expected**, Sambo’s statement marks the first official confirmation. However, neither the Latin Patriarch’s Office in Jerusalem, nor the relevant Israeli officials have received official notification. Uri Mor, Director of the Department for Christian Communities in the Religious Affairs Ministry, said that although there have been many reports of a visit, his office had not yet received officials notice. ‘We welcome this announcement, and we will be happy to prepare for the visit,’ Mor said. The daily Yediot Ahronot reported that a source in the Vatican confirmed that the Pope will arrive on March 23, participate in a mass in Nazareth which will be broadcast live to the rest of the world, and visit Jerusalem and Bethlehem.”

“The line of distinction between professed Christians and the ungodly is now hardly distinguishable. Church members love what the world loves and are ready to join with them, and Satan determines to unite them in one body and thus strengthen his cause by sweeping all into the ranks of spiritualism. Papists, who boast of miracles as a certain sign of the true church, will be readily deceived by this wonder-working power; and Protestants, having cast away the shield of truth, will also be deluded. Papists, Protestants, and worldlings will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world and the ushering in of **the long-expected millenium.**” *The Great Controversy*, 588.