

Results of Four World-Wide Remnant Church Meetings

The World-Wide Remnant Churches have so far held four separate open meetings to discuss whether or not to continue identifying our church groups and people by the name Seventh-Day Remnant. They were held on July 13, August 3, August 24, and September 7, 2014. Many remnant brothers and sisters from six different countries were present in these meetings.

These meetings were deemed necessary because the name Seventh-Day Remnant has been trademarked in the USA. The owner of the trademark has refused to grant rights to use this name except to those remnant people, churches or organizations who come under his jurisdiction and control. Those who continue identifying themselves as SDRs without his explicit permission have been publicly accused of being law and commandment breakers, including those who were publicly using this SDR name before he began using it. Many countries around the world have trade agreements with the USA, and so this trademark name issue could extend beyond the borders of the US and its territories.

In these meetings, five different main issues were identified as options:

- 1) Continue using the SDR name to officially identify our corporate group or body of believers;
- 2) Discontinue using the SDR name to officially identify our corporate group or body of believers;
- 3) Initiate a lawsuit against the holder of the trademark for the legal right to continue using the SDR name;
- 4) Advise only the SDRPA to change its name, but allow others to continue using the SDR name;
- 5) Attempt to trademark the SDR name with an earlier established date than what the holder of the trademark used.

The first three main options were addressed and thoroughly discussed. With options #4 and #5 hanging on the final outcome of the first three, a voted decision was made to bring the first three

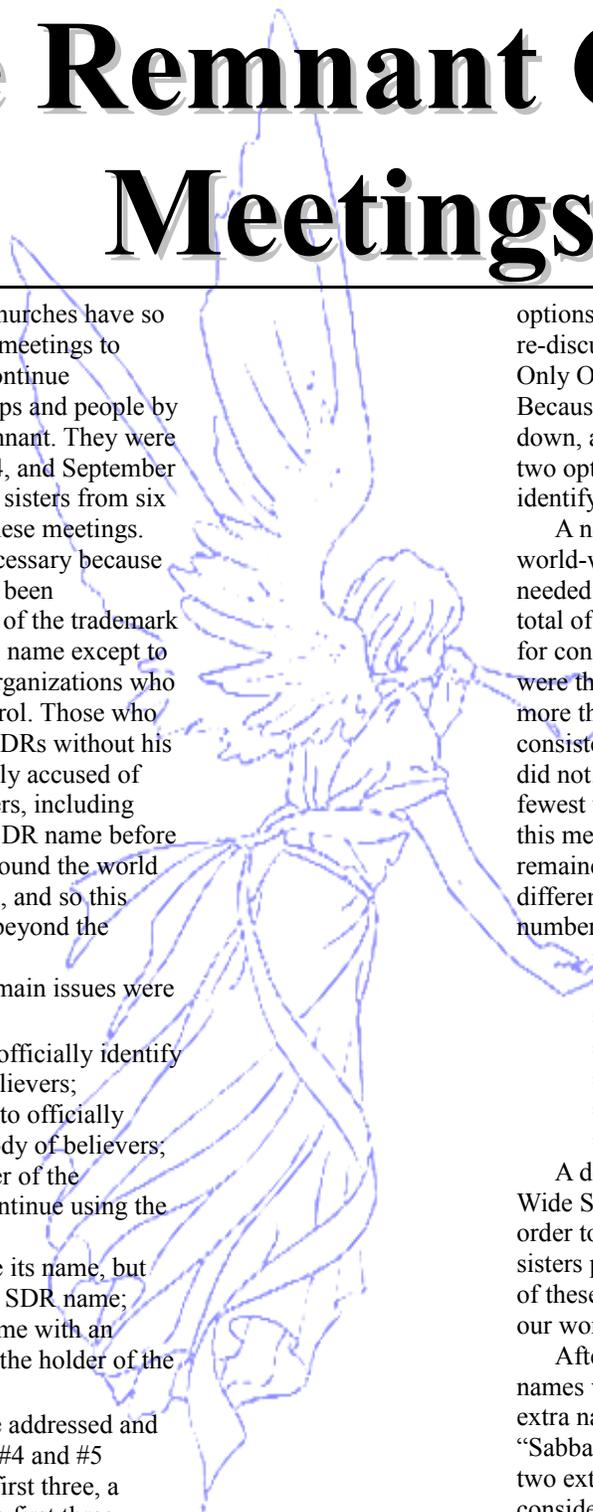
options up for a vote. Each option was then briefly re-discussed, and required a 2/3 majority to pass. Only Option #2 received enough votes to pass. Because Option #1 and Option #3 were each voted down, a voted decision was made to eliminate the last two options from the agenda. We would no longer identify ourselves as Seventh-Day Remnant.

A new item was then added onto the agenda: our world-wide corporate group and body of believers needed a new name to officially identify itself. A total of 26 possible identifying names were suggested for consideration. Each of these 26 different names were then systematically and consecutively voted on more than once to determine which names consistently had the most favorable votes and which did not. Those names which consistently had the fewest votes were then voted off the list. By the time this meeting ended only seven different names remained on the list for consideration. These seven different names, listed here by the actual, original, number are:

- #1—Remnant of Her Seed;
- #4—Remnant Advent Believers;
- #5—Church of the 4th Angel;
- #6—Remnant Church of God;
- #12—True Remnant Sabbath Keepers;
- #12A—Remnant Sabbath Keepers;
- #18—Last Day Remnant.

A decision was then made to hold our next World-Wide SDR church meeting on October 26, 2014, in order to give all our world-wide SDR brothers and sisters plenty of time to examine and pray over which of these names should be chosen to officially identify our world-wide corporate body of believers.

After the close of this meeting, two other possible names were thought of and suggested. These two extra names are: "Sabbath Day 4 Angels," and "Sabbath Remnant Alliance." Whether or not these two extra names will be added onto the list for consideration will be discussed at our next world-



wide meeting. Then, Lord willing, the one name above all others will be voted to represent our world-wide corporate body of believers.

Some of you may be wondering what principles were behind the decision our World-Wide Remnant brothers and sisters made to give up the SDR name altogether. Why go through the hassle of choosing a new name? Why allow the trademark holder and his group to threaten and intimidate our group when we have an earlier-established public date of usage for this SDR name? In answer to those questions we took into consideration the following statements:

“Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?”¹

“And Isaac’s servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water. And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac’s herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him. And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah. And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.”²

“And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake.”³

“Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.” James 5:6. “But I will put it

4. Isa 51:23

5. DA 179:5

1. 1 Cor 6:7

2. Gen 26:19-22

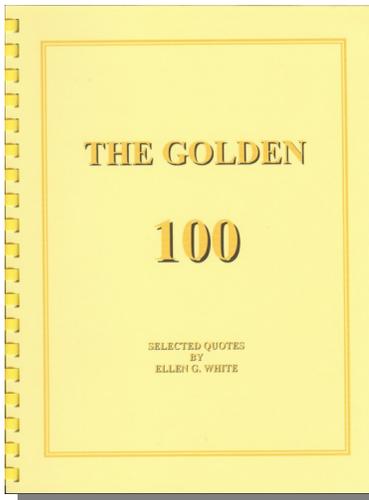
3. Phil 1:28,29

(cup of suffering) into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.”⁴

“Those who are true to their calling as messengers of God will not seek honor for themselves. Love for self will be swallowed up in love for Christ. No rivalry will mar the precious cause of the gospel. They will recognize that it is their work to proclaim... ‘Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.’”⁵

The comment was also made that while we have decided to change our name, we are not condemning anyone who chooses to use or to continue to use the name Seventh-day Remnant. We therefore encourage all of our world-wide remnant brothers and sisters to please join with us in prayerfully considering which of the listed suggestions for names should be used to identify our world-wide corporate body of believers. If you plan on attending our October meeting and did not attend one of the meetings already held, please contact the Editor for more details on how to attend. If you are unable to attend, please send a letter or an e-mail to the Editor letting us know which name or names the Lord has impressed you with, and these will be considered as votes during that meeting.

We ask that you please pray for the holder of the trademark, Nic Patula, and his group. We also ask that you please pray for God to continue leading and guiding us in how to better represent Him in this final work and movement of His, so that all love of self will be swallowed up in love for Christ.

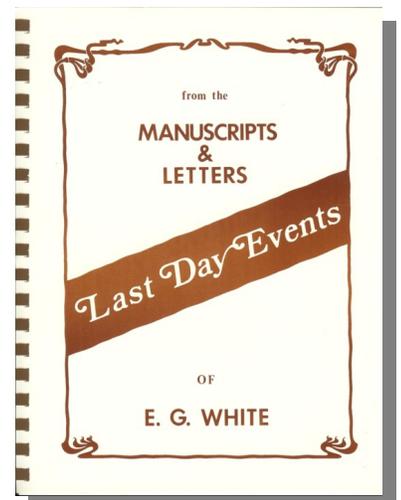


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Editorial—What Time Is It?

As children we all went through the process of learning how to tell time by looking at a clock. Do you remember how smart it made us all feel to be able to read a clock like mom and dad? We were eager for anyone to ask “What time is it?” so that we could run to find a clock and show everyone that we knew how to tell time. But there is another sort of “clock” that we need to be watching today, a clock that tells the time--not in seconds or minutes, but in events that mark the close of Earth’s history. Do we know how to read that clock? Many of us know that time is growing short, but how late is it really? Where do the hands of time rest now?

We have a very precious book--the Bible--that reveals to us this secret of telling time. You may remember several verses stating that near the end of the world there will be wars and rumors of wars (Matthew 24:6) and men running to

and fro as knowledge is increased (Daniel 12:4) and frequent earthquakes and famines and other natural disturbances (Luke 21:11) and that evil people will manifest all manner of terrible things (2 Timothy 3:1-7). There are many other revealing verses that give us clues, and I’m sure in your mind you have added many more to the list already. All of these forewarned events are plainly happening around us right now! As we see and hear of them, we can also see that the clock has nearly reached midnight now--perhaps only one minute away!

But this should not make us afraid. The Bible tells us that men’s hearts will fail them for fear as they see all these signs happening on the earth (Luke 21:26). Why are they afraid? Because they are worldly people who do not dwell in God’s love and protection--they do not want our Savior to return as we do! But

we should instead be looking up and preparing for this great and glorious event! “And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.”(Luke 21:28).

Brethren and Sisters, the clock is still ticking. The work and preparation that will take us to heaven should be our greatest concern! “Said the angel, ‘Get ready, get ready, get ready. Ye will have to die a greater death to the world than ye have ever yet died.’ I saw that there was a great work to do for them and but little time in which to do it.” {EW 64.1} Are you living by every word of God? Is your preparation sure? Are you watching the great clock of time and listening for that midnight call? Now is the time to make sure! I pray that we all will be ready to gather home and to meet our dear Lord on that final day.”

Many are deceiving themselves by thinking that the character will be transformed at the coming of Christ, but there will be no conversion of heart at His appearing. Our defects of character must here be repented of, and through the grace of Christ we must overcome them while probation shall last. This is the place for fitting up for the family above. Probation is almost ended. . . . Get ready! get ready! Work while the day lasts, for the night cometh when no man can work. {AG 243}

Children's Story

The Man Who Died For Me

For many years I wanted to go as a foreign missionary, but my way seemed hedged about. At last I went to live in California. Life was rough in the mining country where I lived, with my husband and little boy.

While there I heard of a man who lived over the hills and was dying of consumption. The men said: "He is so vile that no one can stay with him; so we place some food near him, and leave him for twenty-four hours. We will find him dead sometime, and the sooner the better. Never had a relative, I guess".

This pitiful story haunted me as I went about my work. For three days I tried to get some one to go to see him and find out if he was in need of better care. As I turned from the last man, vexed with his indifference, the thought came to me: "Why not go yourself? Here is missionary work, if you want it."

I will not tell you how I weighed the probable uselessness of my going, nor how I shrank from one so vile as he. It was not the kind of work I wanted.

But at last, one day I went over the hills to the little abode. It was a mud cabin, containing but one room. The door stood open. In one corner, on some straw and colored blankets, I found the dying man. Sin had left awful marks on his face, and if I had not heard that he could not move, I should have retreated. As my shadow fell over the floor, he looked up and greeted me with an oath. I stepped forward a little, and again he swore.

"Don't speak so, my friend," I said.

"I ain't your friend. I ain't got any friends," he said.

"Well, I am your friend, and -"

But the oaths came quickly, and he said: "You ain't my friend. I never had any friends, and I don't want any now."

I reached out, at arm's length, the fruit I had brought for him, and stepping back to the doorway, asked if he remembered his mother, hoping to find a tender place in his heart; but he cursed her. I spoke of God and he cursed Him. I tried to speak of Jesus and His death for us, but he stopped me with his oaths, and said: "That's all a lie. Nobody ever died for others."

I went away discouraged, saying to
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myself that I knew it was of no use. But the next day I went again, and every day for two weeks. He did not show the gratitude of a dog, and at the end of that time I said that I was not going any more. That night as I was putting my little boy to bed, I did not pray for the miner. My little boy noticed it and said: -

"Mama, you did not pray for the bad man."

"No," I answered, with a sigh.

"Have you given him up, mama?"

"Yes, I guess so."

"Has God given him up, mama? Ought you to give him up 'till God does?"

I could not sleep that night. I thought of the dying man, so vile, and with no one to care. I rose and went away by myself to pray; but the moment that I knelt, I was overpowered by the sense of how little meaning there had been to my prayers. I had had no faith, and had not really cared, beyond a kind of half-hearted sentiment. I had not claimed his soul for God. Oh, the shame of such missionary zeal! I fell on my face literally, as I cried, 'O Christ, give me a little glimpse of the worth of a human soul!' Did you, Christian, ever ask that and mean it? Do not do it unless you are willing to give up ease and selfish pleasure; for life will be a different thing to you after this revelation.

I remained on my knees until Calvary became a reality to me. I cannot describe those hours. They came and went unheeded; but I learned that night what I had never known before: what it was to travail for a human soul. I saw my Lord as I had never seen Him before. I knelt there till the answer came.

As I went back to my room, my husband said:

"How about our miner?"

"Is he going to be saved?"

"Are you going to do it?" he asked.

"The Lord is going to save him; and I do not know that I shall do anything about it," I replied.

The next morning brought a lesson in Christian work which I had never learned before. I had waited on other days until afternoon, when my work being over, I could change my dress, put on my gloves, and take a walk while the shadows were on the hillside. That day, the moment my

little boy went to school, I left my work, and, without waiting for gloves or shadows, hurried over the hills, not to see "that vile wretch," but to win a soul. I thought the man might die.

As I passed on, a neighbor came out of her cabin, and said, "I will go over the hills with you."

I did not want her to go, but it was another lesson for me. God could plan better than I could. She had her little girl with her, and as we reached the cabin, she said, "I will wait out here."

I do not know what I expected, but the man greeted me with an awful oath. Still it did not hurt; for I was behind Christ, and I stayed there; and could bear what struck Him first.

While I was changing the basin of water and towel for him, things which I had done every day, but which he had never thanked me for, the clear laugh of the little girl rang out upon the air.

"What's that?" said the man eagerly.

"It's a little girl outside waiting for me."

"Would you mind letting her come in?" said he, in a different tone from any I had heard before.

Stepping to the door, I beckoned to her; then taking her hand, said, "Come in and see the sick man, Mamie." She shrank back as she saw his face, but I assured her with, "Poor sick man! He can't get up; he wants to see you."

She looked like an angel, her bright face framed in golden curls and her eyes tender and pitiful. In her hands she held the flowers that she had picked from the purple sage, and, bending toward him, she said: "I'm sorry for 'ou, sick man. Will 'ou have a posy?"

He laid his great, bony hand beyond the flowers, on the plump hand of the child, and tears came to his eyes, as he said: "I had a little girl once. Her name was Mamie. She cared for me. Nobody else did. Guess I'd been different if she'd lived. I've hated everybody since she died."

I knew at once that I had the key to the man's heart. The thought came quickly, born of that midnight prayer service, and I said, "When I spoke of you mother and your wife, you cursed them; I

know now that they were not good women, or you could not have done it.”

“Good women! Oh, you don’t know nothin’ ‘bout that kind of woman! You can’t think what they was!”

“Well, if your little girl had lived and grown up with them, wouldn’t she have been like them? Would you have liked to have her live for that?”

He evidently had never thought of that, and his great eyes looked off for a full minute. As they came back to mine, he cried: “O God, no! I’d killed her first. I’m glad she died.”

Reaching out and taking the poor hand, I said, “The dear Lord didn’t want her to be like them. He loved her even better than you did, so He took her away, He is keeping her for you. Don’t you want to see her again?”

“Oh, I’d be willing to be burned alive a thousand times over if I could just see my little girl once more, my little Mamie!”

O friends, you know what a blessed story I had to tell that hour, and I had been so close to Calvary that night that I could tell it in earnest! The poor face grew ashy pale as I talked, and the man threw up his arms as if his agony was mastering him. Two or three times he said, “What’s that you said t’other day ‘bout talking’ to some one out o’sight?”

“It is praying. I tell Him what I want.”

“Pray now, quick. Tell Him I want my little girl again. Tell Him anything you want to.”

I took the hands of the child, and placed them on the trembling hands of the man. Then, dropping on my knees, with the child in front of me, I bade her pray for the man who had lost his little Mamie, and wanted to see her again. As nearly as I

remember, this was Mamie’s prayer:

“Dear Jesus; this man is sick. He has lost his little girl, and he feels bad about it. I’m so sorry for him and he’s sorry too. Won’t You help him, and show him how to find his little girl? Do, please, Amen.”

Heaven seemed to open before us, and there stood One with the prints of the nails in His hands and the wound in His side.

Mamie slipped away soon, and the man kept saying: “Tell Him more about it. Tell Him everything. But, Oh you don’t know...” Then he poured out such a torrent of confession that I could not have borne it but for One who was close to us at that hour.

By and by the poor man grasped the strong hand. It was the third day when the poor, tired soul turned from everything to Him, the Mighty to save, “the Man that died for me.” He lived on for weeks, as if God would show how real was the change. I had been telling him one day about a meeting, when he said, “I’d like to go to a meetin’ once.”

So we planned a meeting, and the men from the mills and the mines came and filled the room.

“Now boys,” said he, “get down on your knees, while she tells about that Man that died for me.”

I had been brought up to believe that a woman should not speak in meeting, but I found myself talking, and I tried to tell the simple story of the cross. After a while he said:

“Boys, you don’t half believe it, or you’d cry; you couldn’t help it. Raise me up. I’d like to tell it once.”

So they raised him up, and between his short breathing and coughing, he told the story. He had to use the language he knew.

“Boys,” he said, “you know how the water runs down the sluice-boxes and carries off the dirt and leaves the gold behind. Well, the blood of the Man she tells about went right over me just like that. It carried off about everything; but it left enough for me to see Mamie, and to see the Man that died for me. O boys, can’t you love Him?”

Some days after, there came a look into his face which told that the end had come. I had to leave him and I said, “What shall I say tonight, Jack?”

“Just good night,” he said.

“What will you say to me when we meet again?”

“I’ll say, ‘Good Morning,’ over there.”

The next morning the door was closed, and I found two men sitting silently by a board stretched across two stools. They turned back the sheet from the dead, and I looked on the face, which seemed to have come back nearer to the image of God

“I wish you could have seen him when he went,” they said.

“Tell me about it.”

“Well, all at once he brightened up ‘bout midnight, an’ smiling’, said: ‘I’m goin’, boys. Tell her I’m ready to see the Man that died for me;’ an’ he was gone.”

Kneeling there with my hands over those poor, cold ones, which had been stained with human blood, I asked that I might understand more and more the worth of a human soul, and be drawn into a deeper sympathy with Christ’s yearning compassion, “not willing that any should perish.” -

Mrs. J.K. Barney

RECIPE—Dandelion Greens With Celeriac and Tangerine

Ingredients:

1 bunch chopped dandelion or spinach green
1 medium lime, juiced
1/8 tsp. sea salt
1 medium celeriac, shredded
10 medium basil leaves, chopped finely
1 medium tangerine, sliced
¼ cup pine nuts, toasted

Dressing:

1 medium tangerine, juiced
3 Tbsp. olive oil
1 tsp. lime juice
½ tsp. tangerine zest

1 tsp. maple syrup (optional)

Instructions:

Wash and chop the dandelion leaves in half-inch pieces and discard tough ends. Pour lime juice into the chopped leaves and add the salt.

Massage the dandelion leaves with the lime juice and salt for up to 3 minutes or until the leaves are wilted.

Add the shredded celeriac, basil leaves and tangerine. Add the toasted pine nuts and mix everything together.

This recipe makes four servings.

(From Healthy Recipes for Your Nutritional Type by Dr. Joseph Mercola) <http://foodfacts.mercola.com>

Health Nugget— What Is Celery Good For?

Homily on Celery

Botanical name: *Apium graveolens*

A crunchy snack all by itself or with peanut butter added to round out the nutrients, celery is one of the most versatile vegetables in the garden, useful for its flavorful seeds and pale green leaves and stalks. It's a direct descendant of wild celery and a member of the Apiaceae family with parsnips, fennel, and parsley, possessing in appearance or flavor some of those characteristics. Celeriac or knob celery (*A. graveolens rapaceum*) is an example, although this cultivar has a light brown exterior with crisp, white, aromatic flesh inside. Each year, the U.S. produces a billion pounds of celery, 80 percent from California, Michigan, and Florida.

Because it's a veggie with high water content, celery requires fertile, moisture-rich soil. This may explain why this plant's origin has been traced from Sweden, south to Algeria, Egypt, and Asia and into the Caucasus Mountains of India. A large region in the Punjab is dedicated to celery seed production for export into Europe, where it's used as a condiment. Pascal is the celery variety seen most often in the States. Blanched celery, having been deprived of light for a paler, more tender consistency, is more popular in Europe.

Celery is a cool-weather crop, so it's best planted early in climates where the winters get cold and summers are hot. Because the seeds are tiny, they should be covered lightly with soil and watered evenly for three to eight weeks, or started indoors to be transplanted after about two months. Once they begin proliferating, thin them to a few inches per row, and they can grow one to two feet tall. When purchasing celery, make sure the leaves and stalks are crisp, not wilted or rubbery.

Celery is a great addition to tuna or egg salad. Stir fries are an excellent way to enjoy this vegetable, mixed with carrots, bell peppers, and onions, and teriyaki or orange sauce. It also adds an aromatic flavor to pot roast and vegetable soup.

However, when celery is boiled or blanched (dipped in boiling water) in soup, more than a third of the nutrients can be lost. To keep the most of its goodness intact, steaming is the best method. Studies show that steaming for even as long as 10 minutes

retains 83 to 99 percent of the antioxidants celery is known to be loaded with. You can refrigerate raw celery for five to seven days, but they tend to absorb the odors of other foods, so keep them separated with a sealed container.

Health Benefits of Celery

In case you didn't notice it in the nutritional profile, celery is incredibly low in calories – only 16 per one-cup serving. This is one reason why it's so popular for dieters. The reputation celery has for being a “negative calorie” food may actually be deserved. At the same time, celery is worth its weight in fiber, which moves food through the digestive tract more quickly, and therefore helps lower your risk for colon cancer.

An interesting tidbit about this vegetable is the many different vitamins and minerals it offers - a little bit of a lot for a good balance: nine percent each of the DV in vitamin A and folate, eight percent of the potassium, and between two to five percent in manganese, copper, phosphorus, magnesium, and calcium in the minerals category. In vitamins: vitamin C, pantothenic acid, vitamin B6, niacin, and riboflavin. Vitamin K plays the most dramatic role – 37 percent of the daily value per cup.

Celery is a rich source of flavanoids like zeaxanthin, lutein, and betacarotene, which studies have shown lowers inflammation as well as the risk of heart disease, enhances the immune system, and inhibits the growth of abnormal cancer-causing cells. Antioxidants in celery include natural phenolic dihydrostilbenoids, such as lunularin, and furanocoumarins like bergapten and psoralen. The flavonols quercetin and kaempferol also are present.

Celery leaves (which contain the most vitamin C, calcium, and potassium) and seeds also contain a number of little-heard of volatile oils, such as terpenes (which consists mostly of limonene), and the sesquiterpenes β -selinene and humulene. The compound 3-n-butyl phthalide, which gives celery its fresh, earthy essence, may play a part in both reducing cholesterol and blood pressure levels by relaxing blood vessel muscles. Coumarins help thin the blood, and linoleic acid is an omega-6 fatty acid. What all these and other compounds do for the body is pretty impressive.

Celery Nutrition Facts Serving Size: One cup of chopped celery (101 grams)

Amt per serving	
Calories	18
Carbohydrates	4 g
Fiber	2 g
Sugar	2 g
Protein	1 g

Studies on Celery

Memory loss could be suspended with the addition of celery to the diet, according to a 2010 study at the University of Illinois. Luteolin, a nutrient in celery, was tested on two-year-old mice and withheld from mice aged three to six months. Results showed that the expected brain inflammation and subsequent memory loss in the older mice were not present. In fact, they performed learning and memory tasks better than the younger mice. Scientists believe the data suggests that the luteolin content in celery may also boost memory and halt age-related brain inflammation in humans to result in better cognitive health.

The apigenin in celery and parsley was also shown to dramatically inhibit breast cancer cells in a celebrated study done at the University of Missouri. Scientists found apigenin shrank a certain breast cancer tumor stimulated by progestin, a synthetic hormone taken by women for menopausal symptoms.

While apigenin was shown to be the natural flavonoid compound responsible for inhibiting breast cancer cells, it had not been tested against pancreatic cancer. Scientists undertook the study, noting that many chemotherapeutic agents had been used to treat pancreatic cancer without success. At the conclusion, apigenin also was reported as having the ability to inhibit growth in four pancreatic cancer cell lines.

Summary

Aromatic and crispy, celery is one of the most widely eaten and enjoyed veggies on the planet. Great in salads, stir fries, and soup as well as all by itself, this pale green garden offering is also highly nutritious.

For centuries, Ayurvedic medicine has used celery and celery seed as a treatment for colds and flu, poor digestion, arthritis, and liver and spleen disorders. Today, it's known as a diuretic, which only stands to

reason with all the moisture it holds. Studies also indicate its effectiveness in deflecting mosquitoes. But eating it is the real key.

Celery is rich in electrolytes and has a cooling effect on the body, which may relate to its ability to fight inflammation. You can

also count on celery to lower oxidative stress in the heart and help clear the digestive system. Studies also found that the apigenin in celery has the ability to inhibit breast and pancreatic cancer, and the luteolin to boost cognitive function. Those items alone are

good reasons to up your celery intake.
<http://foodfacts.mercola.com>

Talk of heavenly things. Talk of Jesus, His loveliness and glory, and of His undying love for you, and let your heart flow out in love and gratitude to Him, who died to save you.

O, get ready to meet your Lord in peace.

Those who are ready will soon receive an unfading crown of life, and will dwell forever

in the kingdom of God, with Christ, with

angels, and with those who have been

redeemed by the precious blood of Christ.

{Heaven 56.2}

MARRIAGE: MONOGAMY AND POLYGAMY

BIBLE BIOGRAPHIES

INTRODUCTION

"If those who are contemplating marriage would not have miserable, unhappy reflections after marriage, they must make it a subject of serious, earnest reflection now. This step taken unwisely is one of the most effective means of ruining the usefulness of young men and women. Life becomes a burden, a curse. No one can so effectually ruin a woman's happiness and usefulness, and make life a heart sickening burden, as her own husband; and no one can do one hundredth part as much to chill the hopes and aspirations of a man, to paralyze his energies and ruin his influence and prospects, as his own wife. It is from the marriage hour that many men and women date their success or failure in this life, and their hopes of the future life." {AH 43.1}

"I wish I could make the youth see and feel their danger, especially the danger of making unhappy marriages." {AH 43.2}

"Marriage is something that will influence and affect your life both in this world and in the world to come. A sincere Christian will not advance his plans in this direction without the knowledge that God approves his course. He will not want to choose for himself, but will feel that God must choose for him. We are not to please ourselves, for Christ pleased not Himself. I would not be understood to mean that anyone is to marry one whom he does not love. This would be sin. But fancy and the emotional nature must not be allowed to lead on to ruin. God requires the whole heart, the supreme affections." {AH 43.3}

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGES IN THE BIBLE

"And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man." Genesis 2:22.

"So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them". Genesis 1:27.

"In the beginning, God gave to Adam one wife, thus showing his order. He never designed that man should have a plurality of wives." {ST, March 27, 1879 par. 2}

LAMECH

"And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one [was] Adah, and the name of the other Zillah." Genesis 4:19.

"And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they [were] fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose." Genesis 6: 1-2.

"Those who honored and feared to offend God, at first felt the curse but lightly, while those who turned from him and despised his authority felt its effects more heavily, especially in stature and nobleness of form. **The descendants of Seth were called the sons of God; the descendants of Cain, the sons of men. As the sons of God mingled with the sons of men, they became corrupt, and by intermarriage with them lost, through the influence of their wives, their peculiar, holy character, and united with the sons of Cain in their idolatry.** Many cast off the fear of God, and trampled upon his commandments. But there were a few who did righteousness, who feared and honored their Creator. Noah and his family were among the righteous few." {ST, February 27, 1879 par. 1}

"Upon receiving the curse of God, Cain had withdrawn from his father's household. He had first chosen his occupation as a tiller of the soil, and he now founded a city, calling it after the name of his eldest son. He had gone out from the presence of the Lord, cast away the promise of the restored Eden, to seek his possessions and enjoyment in the earth under the curse of sin, thus standing at the head of that great class of men who worship the god of this world. In that which pertains to mere earthly and material progress, his descendants became distinguished. But they were regardless of God, and in opposition to His purposes for man. **To the crime of murder, in which Cain had led the way, Lamech, the fifth in descent, added polygamy, and, boastfully defiant, he acknowledged God, only to draw from the avenging of Cain an assurance of his own safety.** Abel had led a pastoral life, dwelling in tents or booths, and the descendants of Seth followed the same course, counting themselves "strangers and pilgrims on the earth, seeking 'a better country, that is, an heavenly.'" Hebrews 11:13, 16. {PP 81.1}

"For some time the two classes remained separate. The race of Cain, spreading from the place of their first settlement, dispersed over the plains and valleys where the children of Seth had dwelt; and the latter, in order to escape from their contaminating influence, withdrew to the mountains, and there made their home. So long as this separation continued, they maintained the worship of God in its purity. But in the lapse of time they ventured, little by little, to mingle with the inhabitants of the valleys. This association was productive of the worst results. **"The sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair." The children of Seth, attracted by the beauty of the daughters of Cain's descendants, displeased the Lord by intermarrying with them.** Many of the worshipers of God were beguiled into sin by the allurements that were now constantly before them, and they lost their peculiar, holy character. Mingling with the depraved, they became like them in spirit and in deeds; the restrictions of the seventh commandment were disregarded, 'and they took them wives of all which they chose.' The children of Seth went 'in the way of Cain' (Jude 11); they fixed their minds upon worldly prosperity and enjoyment and neglected the commandments of the Lord. Men 'did not like to retain God in their knowledge;' they 'became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.' Romans 1:21. Therefore 'God gave them over to a mind void of judgment.' Verse 28, margin. Sin spread abroad in the earth like a deadly leprosy." {PP 81.2}

"Lamech was the first who departed in this respect from God's wise arrangement. He had two wives, which created discord in his family. The envy and jealousy of both made Lamech unhappy. When men began to multiply upon the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, they took them wives of all whom they chose.

This was one of the great sins of the inhabitants of the old world, which brought the wrath of God upon them.

"This custom was practiced after the flood, and became so common that even righteous men fell into the practice, and had a plurality of wives. Yet it was no less sin because they became corrupted, and departed in this thing from God's order." {ST, March 27, 1879 par. 2}

NOAH

“And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation”. Genesis 7:1.

“The Lord said of Noah who, with his family, was saved in the ark, ‘For thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.’ Noah had but one wife; and their united family discipline was blessed of God.

Because Noah’s sons were righteous, they were preserved in the ark with their father. God has not sanctioned polygamy in a single instance. It was contrary to his will. He knew that the happiness of man would be destroyed by it. Abraham’s peace was greatly marred by his unhappy marriage with Hagar.” {ST, March 27, 1879 par. 3}

RIGHTEOUS MAN FALLS INTO POLYGAMY-ABRAHAM-CAUSE

“And they said unto him, Where [is] Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard [it] in the tent door, which [was] behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah [were] old [and] well stricken in age; [and] it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.” Genesis 18: 9-14.

SOLUTION

“Now Sarai Abram’s wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name [was] Hagar. And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai. And Sarai Abram’s wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.” Genesis 16:1-3.

“After the birth of Isaac, the great joy manifested by Abraham and Sarah caused Hagar to be very jealous. Ishmael had been instructed by his mother that he was to be especially blessed of God, as the son of Abraham, and to be heir to that which was promised to his father. Ishmael partook of his mother’s feelings, and was angry because of the joy manifested at the birth of Isaac. He despised Isaac, because he thought that

he was preferred before himself. Sarah saw the disposition manifested by Ishmael against her son Isaac, and she was greatly moved. She related to Abraham the disrespectful conduct of Ishmael to her, and to her son, and said to him, ‘Cast out this bondwoman and her son, for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.’” {ST, March 27, 1879 par. 10}

HAGAR SENT AWAY

“Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, [even] with Isaac.

“And the thing was very grievous in Abraham’s sight because of his son.

“And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

“And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he [is] thy seed.

“And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave [it] unto Hagar, putting [it] on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.” Genesis 21:10-14.

“Abraham is greatly distressed. Ishmael is his son, beloved by him. How can he send him away! He prays to God in his perplexity, for he knows not what course to take. The Lord, through his angels, directs Abraham to listen to the voice of Sarah his wife, and not to let his affection for his son, or for Hagar, prevent his compliance with her wishes. For this was the only course he could pursue to restore harmony and happiness again to his family. Abraham had the consoling promise from the angel, that Ishmael, although separated from his father’s house, should not die, nor be forsaken of God; he should be preserved because he was the son of Abraham. God also promised to make of Ishmael a great nation.” {ST, March 27, 1879 par. 11}

“If God had sanctioned polygamy, he would not have thus directed Abraham to send away Hagar and her son. He would teach all a lesson in this, that the rights and happiness of the marriage relation are ever to be respected and guarded, even at a great sacrifice. Sarah was the first and only true wife of Abraham. As a wife and mother, she was entitled to rights which no other in the family could have. She revered her husband, calling him lord; but she was jealous lest his affections

should be divided with Hagar. God did not rebuke Sarah for the course which she pursued. Abraham was reproved by the angels for distrusting God’s power, which had led him to take Hagar as his wife, and to think that through her the promise would be fulfilled.” {ST, March 27, 1879 par. 13}

THE DEATH OF SARAH

“And Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years old: [these were] the years of the life of Sarah.

“And Sarah died in Kirjatharba; the same [is] Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.” Genesis 23:1-2.

ABRAHAM REMARIES

“Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name [was] Keturah.

“And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah.

“And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim.

“And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoah, and Abidah, and Eldaah. All these [were] the children of Keturah.” Genesis 25:1-4.

JACOB

“And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother’s father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother’s brother”. Genesis 28:1-2.

REASON

“And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite: Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.” Genesis 26:34-35.

ISHMAEL’S REPENTANCE INFLUENCES ESAU TO PLEASE HIS FATHER

“Abraham’s early teachings had not been without effect upon Ishmael, but the influence of his wives resulted in establishing idolatry in his family. Separated from his father, and embittered by the strife and contention of a home destitute of the love and fear of God, Ishmael was driven to choose the wild, marauding life of the desert chief, ‘his hand’ ‘against every man, and

every man's hand against him.” Genesis 16:12. **In his latter days he repented of his evil ways and returned to his father's God, but the stamp of character given to his posterity remained.** The powerful nation descended from him were a turbulent, heathen people, who were ever an annoyance and affliction to the descendants of Isaac.” {PP 174.1}

ESAU MARRIES ISHMAEL'S DESCENDANTS

“When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padanaram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan; And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padanaram; And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of

Nebajoth, to be his wife.” Genesis 28:6-9.

JACOB'S LIFE CONTINUED

“And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter. And Laban said, [It is] better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me. And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him [but] a few days, for the love he had to her. And Jacob said unto Laban, Give [me] my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her. And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her. And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid [for] an handmaid. And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it [was] Leah: and he said to Laban, What [is] this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled

me? And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years. And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.” Genesis 28:18-28.

“And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they [were] fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.” Genesis 6:1-2.

“This custom was practiced after the flood, and became so common that even righteous men fell into the practice, and had a plurality of wives. Yet it was no less sin because they became corrupted, and departed in this thing from God's order.” {ST, March 27, 1879 par. 2}

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“Then my eyes were taken from the glory, and I was pointed to the remnant on the earth.

The angel said to them, “Will ye shun the seven last plagues? Will ye go to glory and enjoy all that God has prepared for those who love Him and are willing to suffer for His sake?

If so, ye must die that ye may live. Get ready, get ready, get ready.

Ye must have a greater preparation than ye now have, for the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate and to destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

Sacrifice all to God. Lay all upon His altar--self, property, and all, a living sacrifice.

It will take all to enter glory.

Lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where no thief can approach or rust corrupt.

Ye must be partakers of Christ's sufferings here if ye would be partakers with Him of His glory hereafter.”

{EW 66.2}

Letter of Encouragement

8-9-14

Dear Editor,

I would like to share with you a strong conviction that occurred to me while I was reading a piece of Sister Ellen White's writing from her very valuable little book, "This Day With God," (ref. details below). This passage is based on the book of John, Chap. 5, V., 20 - "IF THEY HAVE PERSECUTED ME, THEY WILL ALSO PERSECUTE YOU."

As many of Sister White's readers will know, this book consists of many of her personal letters to family and friends, of manuscripts and newspaper articles. The piece that caught my attention belongs to the latter group, having been published in the S.D.A.'s newspaper, Review and Herald, in 1897.

This piece is entitled "Under His Wings", (p. 371.), and the gist of it is that one of the strongest signs we have that Satan is ever at work, occurs when we see and hear of our brothers and sisters in Christ being persecuted because they are giving their all in their valiant endeavours to spread the Gospel to their fellow men and women. Sr. White also states strongly that God, by His Holy Spirit, will give these workers the strength to endure. This should, of course, be the time for all of us to be the most determined in our witnessing.

But may I let Sr. White speak for herself by listing below, a few quotes and paraphrases:

- These persecutors "...will rush with fury against God's people".
- "They are inspired by him who is a persecutor of the brethren"- (Satan, as we well know!)

- "They [these persecutors] may cause pain to the body ...but they cannot touch the life that is hid in Christ."

- "Whatever Satan may inspire evil men to do, we are to rest in the assurance that we are under God's charge."

- Very soon, these persecutors will have to "...stand before the Judge of all the earth to render an account for all the pain they have caused to the bodies and souls..." of all these dear brethren working to spread God's word.

As I read these words (re-visiting old truths-??), I immediately thought of our brothers and sisters in Africa. We, (my friend in Christ, and I), have recently had much joy from reading some old copies of the Seventh Day Remnant Voice magazine, going back as far as 2009. We are particularly interested in the "Mission Reports" from our brothers and sisters, working "at the coal-face", as we say, - in other words, -right where the action is!

These reports seem to come mostly from Africa, but my comments below apply equally to all "soldiers for Christ", wherever they may be.

What caused us the greatest awe and the greatest humility, was to read of the many and varied difficulties they face, and the eternal courage with which they continue to meet them. They just "keep on keeping on",- such is the Lord's grace and power upholding them.

Our African brethren are planting God's standard, (and, therefore His eternal truth) in their own countries, in spite of much warfare from those who "persecute their fellow-men because they do not believe the same doctrine",- that is, Satan's own messengers, as we know, and

they certainly give us much evidence of that.

I don't know that this letter will be published, but I would like to send a message (from my friend, also), that we are so full of admiration for these "Battlers for God" in Africa, and around the world. We feel so very inadequate, sheltered as we are, in our safe little homes in a far-away country.

We also witness, whenever we find the opportunity, but what are our simple efforts, in comparison with their monumental battles against the most dreadful weather, huge financial difficulties, "uncooperative" officials, even their fellow countrymen, huge shortages of materials and equipment, even, sometimes, their own governments!

We salute you, brothers and sisters, as heroes of this "last days war", and I close with more wisdom and comfort from the Inspired word of Sr. Ellen White, (from Ps. 116:15) - "It is not because God does not care for us that He permits these things to be; for He declares 'Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.'" Those saints are YOU, dear brethren.

We pray that you will not have to make this "ultimate sacrifice", but that you will be truly comforted by these words from Sr. White, and particularly that you will feel secure in the thought that you are, indeed, - "UNDER HIS WINGS".

Yours sincerely, in Christ,
Sr. L.L.J., West Aust.

Refs: Ellen G. White, "THIS DAY WITH GOD", (Review and Herald Publishing Association), Washington, D.C. 1979

**"I cannot express to you the intense desire of my soul
that you should all seek the Lord most earnestly while he may be found.
We are in the day of God's preparation.**

**Let nothing be regarded as of sufficient worth to draw your minds from the work of
preparing for the great day of Judgment.**

Get ready.

**Let not cold unbelief hold your souls away from God;
but let his love burn on the altar of your hearts."**

Testimony, No. 33, pp. 117, 118.

The Dance at Moscow

“A TIME to dance; a time to die.”
Ecc. 3:2,4.

During the occupancy of the city of Moscow by the French army, a party of officers and soldiers determined to have a military levee, and for this purpose chose the deserted palace of a nobleman, in the vault of which a large quantity of powder had been deposited. That night the city was set on fire. As the sun went down they began to assemble. The females who followed the fortunes of the French forces, were decorated for the occasion. The gayest and noblest of the army was there, and merriment reigned over the crowd. During the dance the fire rapidly approached them; they saw it coming but felt no fear. At length the building next to the one which they occupied was on fire. Coming to the windows, they gazed upon the billows of fire which swept upon their fortress, and then returned to their amusement. Again and again they left their pleasure to watch the progress of the flames. At length the dance ceased, and the necessity of leaving the scene of merriment became apparent to all.

They were enveloped in a flood of

fire, and gazed on with deep and awful solemnity. At length the fire, communicating to their own building, caused them to prepare for flight, when a brave young officer, named Carnot, waved his jeweled glove above his head, and exclaimed, “One dance more, and defiance to the flames.” All caught the enthusiasm of the moment, and, “one dance more, and defiance to the flames,” burst from the lips of all. The dance commenced; louder and louder grew the sounds of music, and faster and faster fell the footsteps of dancing men and women, when suddenly they heard a cry, “The fire has reached the magazine! fly! fly for life!” One moment they stood transfixed with horror; they did not know the magazine was there, and ere they recovered from their stupor, the vault exploded; the building was shattered to pieces, and the dancers were hurried into a fearful eternity.

Thus it will be in, the final day. Men will be as careless as these ill-fated revelers. Methinks the hour has come, and I stand upon an eminence, from which I beheld the vices and

amusements of earth. I warn them and tell them that in such an hour as they think not, the Son of man cometh. With jeering laugh they ask, “Where is the promise of His coming?” I bid them prepare to meet their God. They reply, “Pleasure is our God.” I tell them of the awful judgment, and of eternity; crying “priestcraft,” they again engage in a noisy revel. Soon an awful rumbling is heard in the heavens. A thousand voices tell them that the angels are rolling out the judgment throne. They reply, “One dance more, and defiance to that throne.” Suddenly the stars go out, the moon turns to blood, all nature is convulsed, an unusual panic seizes the hearts of all men, when, horrorstruck, I see some Carnot turn his blood-shot eyes upon the burning world, and waving his jeweled hand above his head, exclaiming, “One dance more, and defiance to that flame;” and ere that dance is done, the bolt is sped, the magazine of the universe explodes, and the time to dance is gone, gone forever, forever.

—Review and Herald May 14, 1857

“I saw that the remnant were not prepared for what is coming upon the earth. Stupidity, like lethargy, seemed to hang upon the minds of most of those who profess to believe that we are having the last message. My accompanying angel cried out with awful solemnity, “Get ready! get ready! get ready! for the fierce anger of the Lord is soon to come. His wrath is to be poured out, unmixed with mercy, and ye are not ready. Rend the heart, and not the garment. A great work must be done for the remnant. Many of them are dwelling upon little trials.” Said the angel, “Legions of evil angels are around you, and are trying to press in their awful darkness, that ye may be ensnared and taken. Ye suffer your minds to be diverted too readily from the work of preparation and the all-important truths for these last days. And ye dwell upon little trials and go into minute particulars of little difficulties to explain them to the satisfaction of this one or that.” Conversation has been protracted for hours between the parties concerned, and not only has their time been wasted, but the servants of God are held to listen to them, when the hearts of both parties are unsubdued by grace. If pride and selfishness were laid aside, five minutes would remove most difficulties. Angels have been grieved and God displeased by the hours which have been spent in justifying self. I saw that God will not bow down and listen to long justifications, and He does not want His servants to do so, and thus precious time be wasted that should be spent in showing transgressors the error of their ways and pulling souls out of the fire.” {EW 119.1}