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Let him declare what he seeth."
— Isaiah 21:6 —*

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The Spiritual Gospel

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Editor's Note:

Mr. Arthur W. Braden, a graduate student at Kansas State College, is working on his master's degree in English Literature. He is an ardent and outspoken advocate of spirituality. The area in which he writes has been developed in times past in the works of Shakespeare, Dostoevsky, Gothe, Pasternak, and Martin Luther.

In contemporary times this area of the spiritual is being developed especially by people of the charismatic movement. Mr. Braden does not wish to create a new kind of gospel, but simply to emphasize the Spirit, Spiritual, and the Spirituality of the four Gospels. In the combined study of them he has assayed to write "The Spiritual Gospel."

In the beginning was the Spirit, and the Spirit was with God, and the Spirit was God. The Spirit was there with God from the beginning. Through the Spirit God made all things; God made nothing without the Spirit. The Spirit had life in Himself. . . .

The Spirit flowed through 42 generations of begotten Hebrew people . . . came upon Mary, entered into her and begot the Son of God; she was found with child of the Holy Ghost; that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost The prophetic, angelic announcement of the Son of God: God with us . . . A virgin shall be with child . . . And she shall bring forth a son . . . the Holy Spirit is the father of her child . . . Jesus,

Saviour of His people from their sins. . . .

He shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb . . . From his very birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit:

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and God's power will overshadow you; you will become pregnant and give birth to a son . . . Jesus . . . the Son of the Most High God."

Mary's cousin, Elizabeth, was filled with the Holy Ghost . . . the babe leaped in her womb . . . and she said to Mary: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! Blessed is the child you will bear!"

In her Magnificat, Mary sang: "My soul magnifies the Lord . . . My

spirit rejoices in God my Saviour!"

... And the Spirit was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father... The Spirit became a human being and lived among us. We saw his glory full of grace and truth. His glory was that which he, the only begotten Son, received from his Father...

No one has ever seen God... The only Spirit, who is what God is, and who is near the Father's side, had made him known.

... The Lord's angel appeared to them, and the Lord's glory shone over them: "I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people..."

This very night...

Your Saviour was born—
Christ the Lord!"

... A week later, when the time came for the baby to be circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name which the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

The Holy Spirit was with Simeon, and he assured the aged man of God that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's promised Messiah.

Led by the Spirit, Simeon went into the temple... When the parents brought the child into the temple... Simeon took the child, Jesus, in his arms and gave thanks to God...

The child grew and became strong in Spirit... When the 12-year-old Jesus was found in the Temple... in the midst of the doctors... there was no need for anyone to tell him about men, for He well knew what goes on in the hearts of men... He said to his questioning mother:

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

And Jesus grew up, both in body

and in wisdom, gaining favor with God and men.

John the Baptist said...

"Jesus comes after me, but He is greater than I am—because he existed before I was born... I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit... You will see the Spirit come down and stay on a man; He is the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit... He is the Son of God... You will see Heaven open and God's angels going up and coming down on the Son of Man"

When he was baptized... Jesus saw the Spirit descending upon him... he heard a voice saying, "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

... As soon as Jesus came up out of the water he saw heaven opening and the Spirit coming down on him like a dove. And he heard a voice from heaven: "You are my own dear Son. I am well pleased with you."

At once the Spirit made him go into the desert... Jesus returned from the Jordan full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit into the desert. When the devil tempted him, Jesus answered him:

"The scripture says, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him...' And again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God... You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Then Jesus returned to Galilee, and the power of the Holy Spirit was with Him.

... In Nazareth, on the Sabbath, He read from the book of the prophet, Isaiah: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. He has anointed me to preach the Good News to the poor... The Lord will save his people!' Jesus rolled up the scroll, and said to the people, "This passage of scrip-

ture has come true today, as you heard it being read."

... On the Mount of Transfiguration a cloud appeared and covered them with its shadow, and a voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my dear Son—listen to him!"

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "... Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God... That which is born of the flesh is flesh: and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit... As the wind... So is every one that is born of the Spirit... For God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him... For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The One whom God has sent speaks God's words; for God has given him the fullness of his Spirit.

... "True worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

... "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind;" and, "You must love your neighbor as yourself."

... "What gives life is the Spirit: the flesh is of no use at all. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life."

... "He is the God of the living, not of the dead—for all are alive to him."

... "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, but render unto God the things that are God's."

... "Whoever wants to be first

must place himself last of all and be the servant of all"

... "This will be your chance to tell the Good News."

... "For the words you speak will not be yours; they will come from the Holy Spirit."

... "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

... There was a man who had the spirit of the unclean demon; and he cried out with a loud voice: "I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God."

... Jesus said: "It is God's Spirit who gives me the power to drive out demons, which proves that the Kingdom of God has already come upon you." In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit. . .

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you... And as you wish that men do to you, do so to them."

... "Men can be forgiven any sin and any evil thing they say; but whoever says evil things against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. Anyone who says something against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever says something against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven—now or ever."

... Heaven and Earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. . .

... Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the

Spirit, which those who had believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

... When Jesus asked his disciples, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter replied, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

... "I and the Father are one... The Father is in me, and I am in the Father

... Believe in God, believe also in me.

... I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me...

... He who has seen me has seen the Father...

... I am in the Father, and the Father is in me...

... I am the resurrection and life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

Jesus loved Martha and her sister, Mary, and Lazarus... and when he saw Mary weeping, and the Jews who had come with her weeping also; his heart was touched and he was deeply moved... Jesus wept.

... And Jesus looked up and said, "I thank you, Father, that you listen to me. I know that you always listen to me, but I say this because of the people here, so they will believe that you sent me."

... He cried, "Lazarus, come forth!"

The dead man came out.

"Untie him," Jesus told them, "and let him go."

... "I will pray and ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, and Counselor, the Spirit of Truth to stay with you forever... You know him, for he remains with you and lives in you." (You sin, but

the Holy Spirit within you does not sin.)

... "Because I live, you also will live. When that day comes, you will know that I am in my Father, and that you are in me, just as I am in you... My Father loves him who loves me; I, too, will love him and reveal myself to him... My Father and I will come to him and live with him..."

"The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name... will teach you all things... bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you... My peace I give to you... Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid..."

"The Spirit will come—the Spirit of truth, who comes from the Father I will send him from the Father and he will speak about me... he will bear witness to me."

... "It is better for you that I go away, because if I do not go, the Spirit will not come to you... When he comes he will prove to the people of the world that they are wrong about sin... about what is right, and about God's judgment... When the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you into all the truth... The Spirit will take what I give him and tell it to you."

... Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in the clouds with great power and glory. He will send out the angels to the four corners of the earth and gather God's chosen people from one end of the world to the other...

"I say to all: Watch!"

The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak... but the person who holds out to the end will be saved... They will see the Son of man coming on

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Sowing in the Ocean

TERRIL D. LITRELL

MANY letters come to the desk of the Bible Sabbath Association President, one of which recently brightened my day considerably. It was from a merchant marine seaman named Roy Garrison, whom I would love to meet personally and enjoy a time of fellowship. He related that a native boy of Ceylon was walking along the beach and picked up a sealed bottle containing a tract with the following message:

THE ETERNAL AND PERFECT LIFE

500 of God's Prophecies astoundingly fulfilled, 5,000 archaeological discoveries, science, history, and the transformed minds of people the world over, irrefutably prove the Bible to be "God's Words" (John 8:47). "Words of Eternal Life" (John 6:68). "Unto Perfection" (Heb. 6:1). "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him" (1 Cor. 2:9). "In the way of righteousness is life, and in the pathway thereof there is no death" (Prov. 12:28). "Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil... wise in their own eyes" (Isa. 5:20). "A wise man feareth and departeth from evil, but the fool rageth and is confident" (Prov. 14:16). "The Coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5:8). "Now is the day of Salvation" (II Cor. 6:2). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:26). "Keep My Commandments" (Ex. 20:6; John 14:21). "Thou shalt have no other gods... any graven image... not take the

Name of the Lord thy God in vain... remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy... the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God... honour thy father and thy mother... not kill... not commit adultery... not steal... not bear false witness... not covet" (Ex. 20:1-17). "Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good" (Rom 12:9). "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism" (Eph. 4:5). "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28).

"As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (Luke 6:31). "Give to him that needeth" (Eph. 4:18). "Blessed are the merciful" (Matt. 5:7). "Love the truth and peace" (Zech. 8:19). "Riches profiteth not" (Prov. 11:4). "Glory shall fade away" (Hos. 9:11). "Wisdom shall die with you" (Job 12:2). "Beauty consumeth in the grave" (Ps. 49:14). "Age is as nothing" (Psalm 39:5). "Pray unto Me" (Jer. 29:12). "With God all things are possible" (Matt. 19:26).

Send for the Free Bible Course, available in 72 languages, stressing God's Salvation of people from this fallen world into the Eternal and Perfect Life in "The Paradise of God" (Rev. 2:7; Dan. 2:44). Send a postcard (or place stamp and address on the back of this tract and mail it) to the

Worldwide Radio and Television Program, The Voice of Prophecy, Box 55, Los Angeles, California 90052, U.S.A.

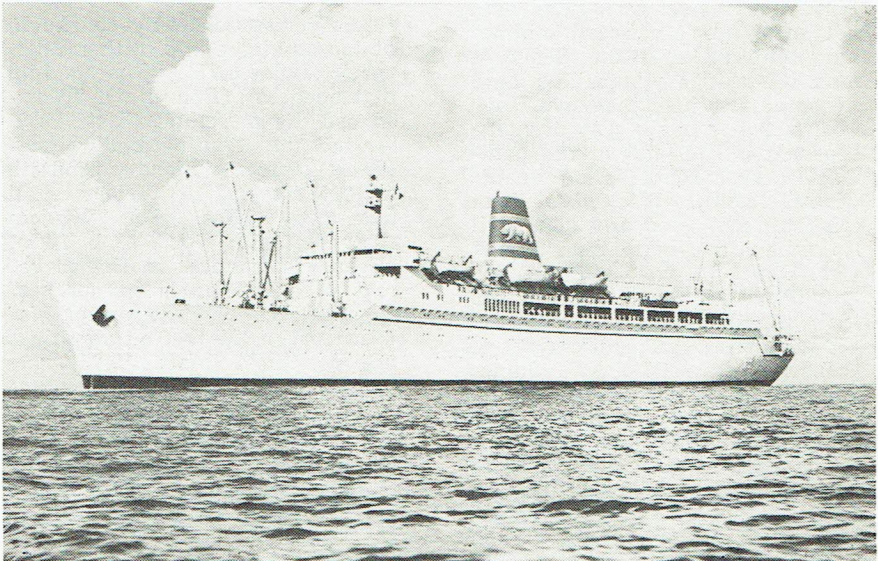
The boy became convicted over what he read and contacted the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The church sponsored his education in the Adventist Atlantic Union College in Lancaster, Mass. In a few years he returned to Ceylon as an ordained minister of the church and preached to the natives of Ceylon in their language. That bottle with the good news of God's salvation through Jesus Christ had been thrown into the ocean by seaman Roy Garrison.

What a chain of events! A sailor who cares throws a bottle containing gospel literature into the ocean, a native boy finds it, a church receives the boy into its membership and gives him an education, and finally a preacher presents the claims of the Saviour. All this happened because Roy Garrison interprets the Scrip-

ture "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days" literally and experienced a glorious return!

Mr. Garrison wrote in his letter: "In 1948, in Galveston, Texas, while awaiting a ship I thought of this idea of putting messages of salvation in sealed empty bottles and putting them into the world's seas, and as I had never heard of this idea before, I thought it was original. I learned several years later that a tract society in Liverpool, England, started to do so in 1944, George Philipps of Tacoma, Wash., started in 1946, and the Western Tract Society of Oakland, Calif., in 1948, after I got started."

Mr. Garrison's job is quartermaster on board the ship *SS Mariposa*, one of the four passenger ships left in the United States. This luxury liner accommodates 336 passengers exclusively first class. Its length is 563



Mr. Garrison's ship, SS Mariposa

feet, speed 20 knots, gross tonage 18,497 (Br), displacement 20,600. His job consists of alternating with another seaman in steering this beautiful ship in and out of ports and to tend the gyro at sea.

Mr. Garrison carries a chart published by the U. S. Marine Bureau of World Currents. At various points on a voyage where the current is right he will take a bottle—any kind of bottle—put in it a Bible message, and cast it into the sea.

"Bottles will go places from any waters, but currents take them faster and to specific places," Garrison writes. "God can—and does—guide them to the best places for good." For the past 25 years he has placed around 150,000 sealed bottles into the world's seas. He has made 150 voyages including 29 voyages completely around the world, taking him to over 120 countries. He will actually cast these bottles into the sea some 22,000 times in a complete voyage around the world. The manager of the "Voice of Prophecy" radio broadcast wrote Mr. Garrison that he could always tell where Mr. Garrison was at a given time due to the requests for the free Bible correspondence course.

In 1956 Mr. Garrison threw over 200 sealed bottles into the water as his ship sailed by the Great Barrier Reef off the East Coast of Australia. Three weeks from that time the Westminster Gospel magazine had a report of a diver doing work in deep water adjacent to the Great Barrier Reef who saw a bottle afloat with a piece of white paper in it. The diver grasped it and read the message inside. He was so convicted of his sins that upon surfacing he found salvation upon his knees in prayer

on the banks of the reef.

Mr. Garrison gets his bottles from various sources. Passengers on board ship save them for him. Waitresses give them to him. He finds them in wastebaskets. He buys some of them from bottle collectors in ports. He has paid as high as \$500.00 for a collection of bottles. He does not consider that a high price at all, but simply as money well invested in God's work.

Whether on land or on sea, Mr. Garrison sows seeds of truth. He is on board ship for seven months and then has from three to five months to travel on land. During this time he covers libraries in major cities of all 50 continental states, nine major provinces of Canada, and about 50 cities of the British Isles. By the time you read this article Mr. Garrison will be traveling in Australia and New Zealand distributing tracts and other literature. To date he has placed tracts between pages of popular library books in over 200 libraries in the world. In his visits to various countries, he has gathered much Sabbath material, which he has filed and stored in a safe deposit vault in San Francisco, Calif.

Little do we suspect the tremendous results that occur when God's people sacrificially invest their lives, time, and possessions in Christ's service. Seaman Roy Garrison is a life member of The Bible Sabbath Association whose faith has been honored as he has witnessed through his unique bottle ministry to people on far and distant shores. Those who sow the seeds of truth, God has promised: "My word . . . shall not return unto me void, but it shall . . . prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isa. 55:11).

Busy Bodies

JOHN C. SPROWLES

IT seems that many in gospel work become busy bodies rather than busy in the work of the Lord. There are many ministers and Christian workers who will tell everyone else what to do and what to read to the point that they drive more people away from Christianity than to it.

Certainly the church should take a stand on issues and ministers may get into politics as individuals, but all too many in religious work preach their own political and religious opinions as if they were holy writ.

I receive many religious papers, which in reality are more political than religious, expressing the writers' views as if they were the word of God. This is a breaking of the law of God.

Hair splitting and gnat picking are not the gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet there are many in religion who do more of that than the "sinners" they are trying to convert.

I've known professed Christians who were mean and hateful, while I've known nonchristians who were kind and loving. It seems a bit backward to me, and while God certainly wants us to oppose evil, are we to be meaner than the evil one?

God repays everyone, and the worst thing He does is make him walk in the shoes of those he offends. God made us human beings for a reason, and no human has yet reached the

level of perfection, though such a thing is possible.

We must remember that it was the common people who accepted Christ, and the church leaders who called for His murder. We are not to try to please man; we are to please God, and when we do that, they say about us what they said about Jesus—and there is more sin in some established churches of our day than there is sin in the world.

And less excuse.

If your religion makes you mean and small, there is something wrong with your religion. If becoming a Christian makes you sour on life, there is something wrong with your idea of what a Christian should be.

The Bible has been so distorted by those who claim to love it that when one preaches what it really says, he is called all kinds of foul names. Didn't the church leaders of His days on earth say that Jesus had a demon?

Many people out to save and convert the world were never saved or converted themselves. Many teachers never became learners first.

In order to issue a rebuke, as many in religious work do, one must be above himself.

I'm not talking about making mistakes, for we all are guilty of that, but before one can tell someone else

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KEEPING POSTED

100,000 Will Join Adventists

A commission assigned to study the request of 100,000 people in Zaire, West Africa, to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church has reported to SDA world headquarters in Washington, D.C. The commission headed by W. R. Vail of Tacoma, Wash., reported eleven different religious groups comprised of 123,844 members in 205 churches were asking for acceptance into the Adventist body. The churches have no affiliation with organizations outside of Zaire, but are under the leadership of nationals.

Size of parent groups varies, Vail says, from a few as 1,360 to as many as 10,000. "This includes children. If we count only those which the Adventist Church considers as having reached an age mature enough to accept church membership for themselves, the number would probably be reduced to between 75,000 and 80,000," he added.

The commission visited with the members of the various church groups as well as the leaders. They report a great similarity of doctrinal teaching in all cases. Observance of the seventh-day Sabbath is a common teaching, though in one case the members are observing both Saturdays and Sundays as days of rest and worship. Other teachings common to

most of the groups include salvation by faith in Christ, baptism by immersion, observance of the Ten Commandments as a way of life, and healthful living by abstinence from use of tobacco or alcohol or what the Bible lists as unclean foods.

Requests for membership began coming in to the headquarters of the Adventist church in Zaire early this year. The leader of one group had completed Bible lessons by correspondence with the Adventist "Voice of Prophecy" radio program. The leader of the largest group had read an Adventist book loaned him by an Adventist pastor more than 15 years ago. Another leader declared, "We were led by the Spirit of God."

Still another group had developed through the witness of refugee Adventists who had fled the tribal warfare that took place in Eastern Kasai around 1959-60.

Acceptance into membership will not be automatic, the Adventist Commission states. The Church must increase its worker force in Zaire, reopen its school at Lulengele, which was virtually closed by the tribal warfare in 1960, and establish a seminary where the leaders of the different groups can study more closely the Adventist faith, and where national workers other than the present leaders can also be trained.

At the same time baptismal classes will be set up in the districts where the people requesting membership live, and through these they can learn more fully the faith of the Adventist Church before being accepted into membership.

The Commission also recommends a clinic be established at Lulengele, to care for the physical needs of the people.

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Religion Is Important To New Chess Champ

Games, including chess, are considered frivolous pursuits, unworthy of the attention of members of the Worldwide Church of God on the Sabbath. That helps to explain why the world chess championship at Reykjavik, Iceland, was interrupted from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday.

Bobby Fischer, the new champion, has been a member for about six or seven years. Fischer refuses to talk about religion.

Insiders say, however, that Fischer is almost as serious about his religion as he is about chess. His lawyer, Fred Cramer, said that he did not know the date of Fischer's conversion. He recalled that during the championship chess tournament in Havana in 1966, Fischer had been a devout practitioner of the Worldwide Church of God faith. He attended a Saturday afternoon service of about 1,200 people in June, shortly before he left for Reykjavik.

The last two verses of Isaiah 58 are the keystone of the Worldwide Church's Sabbath observance. The emphasis is on turning from one's own pleasures to things which "de-

light the Lord." It's a day set aside for worship and reflection on creation, said a church official. "It's a weekly memorial set up for people to think on God's ways. But that's not to say worship must be an ugly thing."

Thus, members are neither to work nor to indulge in worldly pleasure or sports on the Sabbath. "But we don't carry it to extremes," said one church official.

While retaining the Passover and other Jewish feasts, adherents renounce Christmas, Easter, and other religious holidays of pagan origin.

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Sabbath Is Proclaimed On License Plates

Eric Kreye of San Jose, Calif., took advantage of that state's provision for personalized license plates. He selected the words "SEVENTH DAY," and affixed a small, neat label underneath, which says "Exodus 20:8."

He says it is interesting to observe the effects on other drivers. At service stations, whenever an attendant mentions the license, he presents him with a book on the Sabbath.

Long-Time BSA Member Dies

Walter J. Fillyaw of Lexington, S. Car., has recently died, according to a report received by the Bible Sabbath Association headquarters. There were no other details available.

Brother Fillyaw, a long-time active member of the Bible Sabbath Association, has written articles for this magazine in the past.

THE ? BOX

Conducted by Terril D. Littrell

How do we know that Saturday is the seventh day of the week? Would not the seventh day vary each month after the new moon?

The year among the early Hebrews was lunar, the first day of each month being set at the new moon. The early Caananites and Israelites gave the months names, four of which survive in the Bible, Abib, Ziv, Ethanim, and Bul. Later they used Babylonian names for the months (Nisan, etc.).

The Hebrews also used a solar year based on the sun, but the old lunar month of 29½ days was retained for the religious calendar. In order to reconcile the lunar and the solar year they adopted the metonic cycle of 19 years, so an extra month was added to the third, sixth, eighth, eleventh, fourteenth, seventeenth and nineteenth years. The sun, moon, and stars all came in conjunction with each other every 19 years. This was called a 19-year time cycle. The moon has something to do with the years but it does not have anything to do with the days. The moon was created to rule the night (Gen. 1: 16); the sun was to rule the day.

The calendar now in use is the Roman calendar, but this calendar has never broken the weekly cycle. The present calendar was first called the Julian calendar because it had its origin at the time of Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. Later it was changed at the order of Pope Gregory, and

since it has been called the Gregorian calendar. The Julian calendar was not perfect; it inserted leap years too often. When this calendar was designed, it was believed the year was exactly 365¼ days long, so to take care of the extra one-fourth day each year, a day was added to the month of February every four years. But after this it was learned the year was 12 minutes and 14 seconds shorter than this, so by the time of Pope Gregory the calendar had drifted 10 days away from the seasons, the spring equinox began to fall on March 11 instead of 21; so to correct this, ten days were dropped from the calendar. But they were dropped from the days of the month and not from the days of the week, so we find the weekly cycle has not been molested since the time of Christ and it was not molested up to that time, for Christ knew when the Sabbath arrived. His custom was to go into the synagogue on the Sabbath day (Luke 4:16).

The days were then, and still are, regulated by the sun; "the evening and the morning were the first day" (Gen. 1:19). Deuteronomy 16:6 tells us the evening came at the going down of the sun.

—A. U. Lairson

WEEKLY RAIN

The Sabbath is like
Fresh rain in the spring
That falls when the earth needs it
most.

Absorbing its strength,
We nurture new life,
With precious new fruit to boast.

—Kathy Saunders Goddard

—From *The Ministry*

News from the B.S.A. Office

Branch Chapters

Terril D. Littrel, president of the Bible Sabbath Association, met September 16 with the Washington, D. C., chapter of the association.

Any other groups wishing to start local chapters may secure pointers on the proper procedure by writing to the Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Okla. 73737.

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Period of Transition For Radio Work

Bob Rogers, radio speaker for the B.S.A. radio program, "Echoes from Eden," has resigned in order to have more time to devote to other phases of religious work. No one has been appointed to fill his place, and the program is to be discontinued under its former format.

In its place, plans are being made for three- to four-minute programs with challenging statements, information, and the address of the association headquarters. This new type of radio work will be begun on a trial basis, and expanded if it proves successful and funds are available.

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Albert Gearhart Resigns After Many Years' Service

Albert G. Gearhart, who has served the Bible Sabbath Association for many years—much of the time as

president—resigned, effective June 1.

His services will be greatly missed. It was during one of his terms as president that THE SABBATH SENTINEL was launched as a quarterly publication in 1950. It was during a later term—in 1960—that the magazine was made a monthly publication.

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1973 Calendars—Time To Think About 'Em

The 1973 Sabbath calendars published by the Bible Sabbath Association are progressing toward a hoped-for completion goal of middle November. This year they are being printed by another firm, The Bible Advocate Press of Denver, Colo., which also prints this magazine.

Regarding calendar orders, Secretary-Treasurer Lawrence Burrell says:

"Early orders are encouraged, and all will be given prompt attention at the earliest possible time. Small orders cannot be acknowledged, for the postage cost plus cost of mailing the calendars, means a heap of postage!

"Bulk mailing will be used for as many individual calendars as we can possibly work in. That will mean it will take a few more days on some of them, for we will hold them up for enough orders to accumulate for a bulk mailing."

The strongest men are those who are weak before God! The greatest are those who are humble before God! The tallest are those who bend before God.

—Richard Halverson



ON SABBATHKEEPERS

The Apostolic Evangelistic Association, Inc., was formally established with headquarters in Mobile, Ala., at its first annual convention May 17-20, 1972, at the Sunset Hills Evangelistic Center in Mobile.

Chairman Erma L. Jones invites

all who believe in the Sabbath, being filled with the Holy Spirit, and Jesus' name to become a part of this non-denominational Evangelistic Association. The Association issues ministerial credentials for those who have been called into a nondenominational or interdenominational evangelistic work. For further information contact Evangelist Erma L. Jones, chairman, Apostolic Evangelistic Association, 4627 Bit and Spur Road, Mobile, Ala. 36608.

POPULAR LIST

A preacher who recently announced that there are 726 sins has been besieged for copies of the list.

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A Note
from
the Editor

Day to Forget

A GARBAGE man, obviously enjoying his noon lunch while seated in his odoriferous truck, said between big bites of his sandwich: "When I eat my wife's cookin', I can forget about everythin' else."

He had a philosophy of life that might well be preached to all Sabbathkeepers. The Sabbath is often thought of as a day to remember, but—equally important—it is also a day to forget.

The world's business ethics, much of its learning, and a large portion of its philosophies are—to put it bluntly—pure garbage. Much of what the people of the world prize is counted as "foolishness" in the light of eternal things (1 Cor. 3:19a).

But, because we are in the world, we often become tainted with its ways during the six days of the work week. On the seventh day, however, comes "lunch time." Then, even though we are still surrounded by the things that rubbed against us all the rest of the week, we can shut our spiritual eyes and ears (and nose) to them, and feast on the things of the Lord. Like the garbage man, during this time we "can forget about everythin' else."

This points out a distinct differ-

ence between Sabbathkeeping and Sunday observance. Because he has no scriptural foundation for his belief, the Sunday observer's "keeping" of his chosen day cannot proceed from within him; his observance seems to be dependent upon externals, such as seeking laws to prevent others from disturbing his day of rest. The knowledge that a store down the block is open or that his neighbor is working in his yard on Sunday disturbs him and acts as a damper to the satisfaction which his day of rest should bring him.

Generally, though, the Sabbathkeeper does not depend upon external things. He knows that the Lord who dwells within his heart, making his life new, is the One whose day he is keeping as evidence of his faith in Him as Creator of all things. It may sadden him to know that those around him continue their work-day activities, but it does not detract from his enjoyment of the spiritual food offered to him on that day. He does not seek man-made legislation to force others to cease secular activities to help him better to keep the Sabbath.

It is good to know that in remembering the Sabbath, we can also forget some things of the world. Perhaps it is this aspect that makes the Sabbath a foretaste of the world to come.

Eugene Lincoln

Some people think that God does not speak to men today. But He does! The trouble is that men are refusing to listen.

THE SPIRITUAL GOSPEL

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the clouds of heaven with great power and glory... The Son of man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him.

... "Do this in memory of me," Jesus said at the Lord's Supper.

Jesus prayed in the garden: "Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thy will be done."

As they nailed Him to the cross, Jesus said: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

As the publican before him had said, "God be merciful to me a sinner," the penitent thief on the cross said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom..."

Jesus said to him, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Then Jesus, crying in a loud voice, said: "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit... It is finished!"

And he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

These things are written that you

may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

"... Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive? He is not here; he has risen."

Their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; but he disappeared from their sight...

"... Wasn't it like a fire burning in us when he talked to us on the road and explained the Scripture to us?"

... Jesus Himself came and stood among them... they were startled and frightened, and supposed they saw a spirit...

He repeated: "Peace be with you."

Then he said: "It is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see I have."

"... I go back to him who is my Father and your Father, my God and your God."

Then He said, "As the Father sent me, so send I you... Go then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the

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Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them everything I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, to the end of the age. . . .”

Then He breathed on them and said: “Receive the Holy Spirit . . . And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high. . . .”

While He blessed them, He parted from them . . . and was taken up into Heaven.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

(Revised to suit the living standards of modern men)

- I. Thou shalt put nothing before the Lord except job, social standing, money and friends.
- II. Thou shalt not bow down to images unless you can find God no other way.
- III. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord in vain unless you lose your temper.
- IV. Forget the Sabbath day to keep it holy because according to the theologians it should not be in the Ten Commandments, but in

the Law of Moses. God made a mistake.

- V. Disobey thy father and mother since thou hast been neglected.
- VI. Thou shalt not kill except thou be threatened (Matt. 26:52).
- VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery except thou really be in love.
- VIII. Thou shalt not steal except thou be starving.
- IX. Thou shalt not lie except thou really be in a jam.
- X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's color TV or new car unless thy credit is as good as his.

—From *The Acts*

BUSY BODIES

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to stop sinning, he must stop sinning himself first. Otherwise he is throwing the first stone.

God hates sin, which is the breaking of His law, but He hates it just as much in church people as He does in the public at large. He judges teachers more than He judges the public.

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himself has repented and turned from his own sin?

To repent means to stop the sin one is repenting of, and there are many who claim the blood of Jesus, while they go on with their sinning; indeed some ministers claim that we can do just that.

God has news for them.

BIBLES NOW AVAILABLE FROM VENDING MACHINE

A vending machine that once dispensed candy and cigarettes in Brussels now drops copies of the four Gospels when a Belgian 10-franc coin (about 20 cents) is inserted. The converted machine provides a choice in languages. French and Dutch.

The director of the Belgian Bible Society placed the machine near a major bus and trolley stop. He reports that about 100 Gospels a month are dispensed through the vending machine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Copy must be brief. No charge will be made, but offerings to defray cost will be appreciated. The right is reserved to reject any proposed copy.

Send all copy to Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Okla. 73737. Information as to dates and places of Sabbath services, camp meetings, radio programs, desire for employment by Sabbathkeeping people or vice versa, prayer requests, requests for information leading to Sabbath fellowship for isolated people, etc., will be included.

This feature, offered solely as a service for Sabbathkeepers, is probably not obtainable elsewhere and is

for the purpose of fostering increased good will, love, and harmony among ALL Sabbath - observing people (John 13:35).

Any Yahwehist who is interested in living on a communal farm of 49 acres in Alabama and attending worship services with others of like faith may write to Assembly of Yahweh School, Rt. 2 Box 158, Dadeville, Ala. 36853. Luke W. Boyd, principal.

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