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The Alpha
Apostasy (part 1)

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“Christ never worked a miracle except to supply a genuine necessity, and every miracle was of a character to lead the people to the **tree of life**, whose **leaves** are for the **healing of the nations**.” {*The Desire of Ages*, p. 366.1}

“His brothers, as the sons of Joseph were called, sided with the **rabbis**. They insisted that the **traditions** must be heeded, as if they were the requirements of God. They even regarded the **precepts of men** more highly than the **word of God**, and they were **greatly annoyed** at the clear penetration of Jesus in distinguishing between the **false** and the **true**. His **strict obedience** to the **law of God** they condemned as **stubbornness**. They were **surprised** at the knowledge and wisdom He showed in answering the rabbis. They knew that He had not received instruction from the wise men, yet they could not but see that He was an instructor to them. **They recognised that His education was of a higher type than their own**. But they did not discern that He had access to the **tree of life**, a **source of knowledge** of which they were **ignorant**.” {*The Desire of Ages*, p. 86.2}

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*for the healing
of the nations*

The Lesser Light

“Sister White is not the originator of these books. They contain the instruction that during her life-work God has been giving her. They contain the **precious, comforting light** that God has graciously given His servant to be given to the world. From their pages this **light** is to shine into the hearts of men and women, **leading them to the Saviour...**



“The Lord has sent His people much instruction, **line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, and there a little. Little heed is given to the Bible, and the Lord has given a lesser light to lead men and women to the greater light.** Oh, how much good would be accomplished if the books containing this **light** were read with a determination to carry out the principles they contain! There would be a thousand-fold greater vigilance, a thousand-fold more self-denial and resolute effort. And many more would now be rejoicing in the **light of present truth.**” {*The Review and Herald, January 20, 1903 par. 8-9*}

“The religion of the Jews, in consequence of their departure from God, consisted mostly in ceremony. John [the Baptist] was the **lesser light**, which was to be followed by a **greater light**. He was to shake the confidence of the people in their traditions, and call their sins to their remembrance, and lead them to repentance; that they might be prepared to appreciate the work of Christ. God communicated to John by **inspiration**, illuminating the prophet that he might remove the superstition and darkness from the minds of the honest Jews, which had been, through false teachings for generations, gathering upon them.” {*The Review and Herald, April 8, 1873 par. 15*}

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... In Him was life; and the life was the **light** of men. And the **light** shineth in darkness; and the darkness apprehended* it not. **There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.** The same came for a **witness**, to bear **witness** of the **Light**, **that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of**

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that Light. That was the **true Light**, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.” *John 1:1, 4-9*

*Note: “apprehended” is how John 1:5 reads according to the *Revised Version*, as quoted in *The Desire of Ages*, pp. 80.3; 464.1; 470.2.

The “**lesser light**” is the **inspired testimony of God**. When it is rejected, the **greater light**, which is **Christ**, is also rejected. When the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the message of the **lesser light** (John the Baptist), they were rejecting the “**counsel of God**.”

“I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is **not a greater prophet** than **John the Baptist**: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he. And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John. **But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him.**” *Luke 7:28-30*

“With the first advent of Christ there was ushered in an era of **greater light** and glory; but it would indeed be **sinful ingratitude** to **despise** and **ridicule** the **lesser light** because a fuller and more glorious light had dawned. Those who despise the blessings and glory of the Jewish age are not prepared to be benefited by the preaching of the gospel... Even the **atonement** loses its significance when the **law of God** is rejected.”
{The Signs of the Times, August 25, 1887 par. 9}

“And this is the **condemnation**, that **light** is come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light**, because their **deeds** were **evil**. For every one that **doeth evil** hateth the **light**, neither cometh to the **light**, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that **doeth truth** cometh to the **light**, that his **deeds** may be made **manifest**, that they are **wrought in God.**” *John 3:19-21*

“The real difficulty with the **Testimonies** is the same difficulty that the whole Christian world around us is having with the Bible. **Spiritual things are spiritually discerned**. Practically every up-to-date preacher in the outside churches believes the ‘**higher criticism**’ of the Bible. With us, the **higher critic** begins with the **Testimonies**, and one is just as sincere in his belief as the other, for we are living in a time when the professing people of God are to ‘**believe a lie.**’ 2 Thessalonians 2:11. The same devil that is destroying faith in the **Bible** in the outside churches is as busily engaged in destroying faith in the **Testimonies** among us.” *{The Discerning of Spiritual Things, by David Paulson; from the Spalding and Magan Unpublished Manuscripts, pp. 483-486}*

Introduction to the Omega Apostasy

....Continued from Edition 05....

“At Oswego, New York, September 7, 1850, the Lord showed me that a **great work** must be done for **His people** before they could **stand in the battle** in the **day of the Lord**. I was pointed to **those who claim to be Adventists**, but who **reject the present truth**, and saw that they were **crumbling** and that the **hand of the Lord** was in their midst to **divide and scatter** them now in the **gathering time**, so that the **precious jewels** among them, who have formerly been **deceived**, may have their **eyes opened** to see their **true state**. And now when the **truth** is presented to them by the **Lord’s messengers**, they are prepared to **listen**, and see its **beauty and harmony**, and to **leave their former associates and errors**, embrace the **precious truth** and **stand where they can define their position**.

“I saw that those who oppose the Sabbath of the Lord could not take the Bible and show that our position is incorrect; therefore they would slander those who believe and teach the truth and would attack their characters. Many who were once conscientious and loved God and His Word have become so hardened by rejecting the light of truth that they do not hesitate to **wickedly misrepresent** and **falsely accuse** those who love the **holy Sabbath**, if by so doing they can injure the influence of those who fearlessly declare the truth. **But these things will not hinder the work of God. In fact, this course pursued by those who hate the truth will be the very means of opening the eyes of some.** Every jewel will be brought out and gathered, for the **hand of the Lord** is set to **recover the remnant of His people**, and He will accomplish the work **gloriously.**” {*Early Writings*, p. 69.2-3}

Dear readers, since approximately the beginning of this year (2017), the subject of the **omega apostasy** has been greatly agitated in this movement. In this *Edition* (and also in *Editions 07-09*), we will be exploring all the factors connected with this apostasy. In this way, by listing the characteristics of the **omega apostasy**, it is our prayer that our readers might have a better understanding of this topic for themselves; and, therefore, will be able to reason how these criteria apply at the present time.

In brief, it can be shown that the **controversy** surrounding the **omega apostasy** is about **changing the character and/or personality of God**. There are, presently, two

opposing views now being heard. Whilst one view encourages **self-sufficiency** and/or **self-exaltation**, the other view encourages **humility** and/or **distrust of self**.

Listening to the **first view**, the following sentiments are echoed: **God is leading us in the organisation of this movement. Trust in us. The Lord is leading us. We have the truth. We are the temple of the Lord. Listen to us, but do not listen to this ministry or that ministry. Look at the faults in your brethren – the “tares.” Our authority in these matters must be received as the authority of God. If you heed not our instruction, you will be branded as being in rebellion to our authority.**

In relation to this view, Sister White says:

“Many who **profess sanctification**... are found to be like the **self-righteous Pharisee**. They will bear no contradiction... They may be heard to reiterate again and again, ‘**God leads me! God teaches me! I am living without sin!**’ Many who come in contact with this spirit encounter a **dark, mysterious something** which they cannot comprehend. But it is that which is altogether **unlike Christ**, the only true pattern.”
{*The Sanctified Life, p. 9.2*}

In contrast to these sentiments, the **second view** sounds something like this: **Distrust yourself. It is unsafe to put confidence in man, for “the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” “Who can read the heart? Who can distinguish the tares from the wheat?” Let us examine ourselves. How can we behold the mote in our brother’s eye, not realising that our perception of things is distorted, due to the beam in our own eye? “With divine help, we are to form our opinions for ourselves, as we are to answer for ourselves before God.” “Rightly dividing the word of truth,” we must study to show *ourselves* approved unto God. Let us build on the true foundation, on the Rock, Christ Jesus. We must “prove all things” and “hold fast that which is good.” *Jeremiah 17:9; The Desire of Ages, p. 656.1; Matthew 7:1-5; The Great Controversy, p. 598.2; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Thessalonians 5:21.***

In relation to the second view, the Bible says:

“It is better to **trust in the LORD** than to put **confidence in man**. It is better to **trust in the LORD** than to put **confidence in princes**.” *Psalms 118:8-9*

“Some **trust in chariots**, and some in **horses**: but we will **remember the name of the LORD our God**.” *Psalms 20:7*

Meanwhile, it seems that as “he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.” Galatians 4:29. The subscribers of one of these views appear to be treating the disciples of the second view as the prophetess was treated in **1888**:

“There were many who did not understand me... **I became the subject of remarks and criticism, but no one of our brethren came to me and made inquiries or sought any explanation from me.**” {*Selected Messages, Book 3, p. 173.1-2*}

For these reasons, in this *Edition of Leaves of Life*, and the subsequent three *Editions*, we will be investigating the **characteristics of the omega apostasy**.

In *Editions 06-08*, we will study **the history of the alpha apostasy**, which **typifies the omega apostasy**, which will fully manifest itself at **midnight**. We will see that:

- **Dr. Kellogg typifies the leadership of the omega apostasy.**
- **The false doctrines presented in Dr. Kellogg’s book, “*The Living Temple*,” typify the false doctrines which will be taught by the omega apostasy.**
- **The Battle Creek Sanitarium typifies this movement.**

Next, in *Edition 09*, we will **summarise all the characteristics** of the **omega apostasy**, through comparing this with the **characteristics of the alpha apostasy**. Then, we will elaborate on some of these characteristics and compare these with what is currently taking place, in this movement. Lastly, we will look at the **great test at midnight** (for the priests), to see exactly how the wheat and tares are bound.

Our sincere prayer is that this four-part study might open the eyes of many of our Brothers and Sisters, in this movement.

The Alpha Apostasy

In order to understand the nature of the **omega apostasy**, we must first understand the **alpha apostasy**. **Who** began this apostasy? **What** were the **key issues** surrounding this apostasy? **How** did this apostasy **affect** the **Seventh-day Adventist Church**?

The Early Life of John Harvey Kellogg

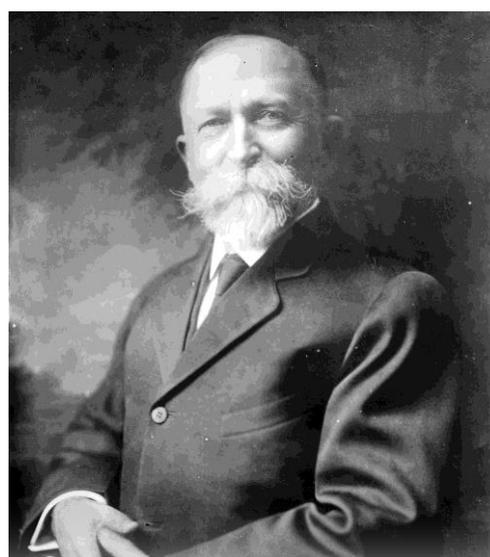
John Harvey Kellogg was born on the 26th of February, 1852, to John Preston Kellogg and his second wife, Ann. Shortly after John Harvey Kellogg was born, the family was introduced to the Seventh-day Sabbath by the twenty-five year old Merritt E. Cornell, who, that same day, had heard a presentation on the subject by Elder Joseph Bates, in Jackson, Michigan. Later on, in the summer of 1852, the Kellogg family attended a series of lectures, held by Joseph Bates, in Jackson, Michigan, where they converted to the Seventh-day Adventist religion. ^{[1] [2c] [4]}

At a young age, **John Harvey Kellogg** witnessed a friend undergoing surgery on the kitchen table, which made him certain that he **never** wanted to become a **doctor**. ^[2c]

In his teenage years, **John Harvey Kellogg** stayed for months at a time in the home of James and Ellen White, assisting James White in writing and editorial work. Being impressed with Ellen G. White's health message, he became a vegetarian. James and Ellen White loved John, as if he were their own son. When he was twenty years old in 1872, Ellen G. White was shown that John was to fill a definite place in God's service. ^[2c]

J. H. Kellogg then attended a teacher's training course at a state school in Ypsilanti, Michigan. However, after attending there only one term, he was persuaded by his brother (Merritt) and James White to attend the Hygeio-Therapeutic College of New Jersey, run by Dr. Russell Trall, for six-months, to learn hydropathy (water cure). ^{[1] [2c]}

Next, at the age of twenty-one, in 1873, at the suggestion of Elder James White, **John Harvey Kellogg** attended the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor, Michigan. After attending there for one term, he transferred to the Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York City, in order to gain clinical experience. In 1875, at the age of twenty-three, he graduated. ^[1]
^[2c] To assist him in meeting the expenses of his University tuition, James and Ellen White loaned him \$1000, probably in 1873 (see below). ^[2c]



John Harvey Kellogg, c. 1913

“**Dr. Kellogg had been represented to me as chosen for a physician.** My husband and I united in taking three promising young men from their humble labours, and placing in the hands of each **one thousand dollars** to obtain an education in medical lines. This had been the selection that the Lord put into the mind of my husband. **The Lord had given light and preference to these three youth,** and they were to give themselves to the work of **physicians.**” {*The Paulson Collection of Ellen G. White Letters*, p. 6.4}; also see {*Manuscript Releases, Volume 11, p. 311.3-4*}

Health Reform Visions and the Battle Creek Sanitarium

On the **6th of June, 1863**, Ellen G. White was given a very significant vision with regards to general health reform, especially relating to diet and disease. This vision actually took place on Friday evening, on the 5th of June. However, since the Sabbath had already started, Ellen White refers to this date as the 6th of June. ^[2a] ^[5] See *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 1, p. 517.1* ^[2a] and *The Review and Herald, October 8, 1867 par. 3*.

On the **25th of December, 1865**, Ellen G. White was given another vision, which showed the importance of Seventh-day Adventists having their very own **health institution**, where they could carry out reformed medical practices in connection with the preaching of the third angel’s message. ^[2b] See *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 1, pp. 466 - 495*.

“**The health reform**, I was shown, is a **part of the third angel’s message*** and is just as closely connected with it as are the arm and hand with the human body... **Our people should have an institution of their own**, under their own control, for the benefit of the diseased and suffering among us... As unbelievers shall resort to an institution devoted to the successful treatment of disease and conducted by Sabbath-keeping physicians, they will be brought directly under the influence of the truth.” {*Testimonies for the Church, Volume 1, pp. 486.2; 492.2*}; *{*Manuscript Releases, Volume 1, p. 228.2*}

The contents of this vision were related at the General Conference session in May, 1866. In accordance with the recommendations made by the prophetess, a number of Seventh-day Adventists came together, purchased land and opened the **Western Health Reform Institute** on the 5th of September, 1866, in Battle Creek, Michigan. ^[2b] ^[6]

Ten years later, in July of 1876, James White approached **Dr. John Harvey Kellogg** and offered him to become the director and chief physician of the *Western Health Reform*

Institute in Battle Creek. At this time, **John Kellogg** was only twenty-four years old. Nevertheless, he accepted James White's offer and started work at the *Institute* as the superintendent and manager in October, 1876. Soon after starting work there, he renamed the institution as the **Medical and Surgical Sanitarium**, which later came to be known as the **Battle Creek Sanitarium**. ^{[1] [2c] [2d] [6]}

Dr. Kellogg's work at the Sanitarium lasted for sixty-seven years. ^{[2c] [2d]}

Dr. Kellogg and Pantheism

"The earliest we can seem to trace John Kellogg's connection with pantheism is in 1873, when, as a very young man, Kellogg attended Dr. Russell T. Trall's Hygeio-Therapeutic Institute in New Jersey. Trall was teaching something he called 'Soul Identity,' which included the 'everywhereness' of God and the concept that man is composed of two parts: a soul and a body, both of which are separate from each other." ^[7]

Gradually, **Dr. Kellogg** began to express his **pantheistic views**. Some members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church objected to what he said. In 1878, at the annual session of the General Conference, the following was noted down in the minutes:

"The impression has gone out from some unknown cause that **J. H. Kellogg, M.D.**, holds **infidel sentiments**, which does him great injustice, and also endangers his influence as physician-in-chief of the Sanitarium... Justice to the doctor and [to] the *Institute* under his medical charge demands that he should have the privilege of making his sentiments known, and that he be invited to address those assembled on this ground, upon the harmony of science and the Sacred Scriptures."—*General Conference Committee minutes, October 4, 1878*. ^[1]

In agreement with this resolution, Dr. Kellogg presented "an able address on the harmony of science and the Bible" two days later, on the 6th of October, 1878. ^[1]

Next, on the 22nd of February, 1879, in the large parlour of Battle Creek Sanitarium, **Dr. John Harvey Kellogg** married **Ella Ervilla Eaton**. ^{[1] [2d]} Later, the prophetess said:

"The **display of fashionable dress** on the occasion of **Dr. Kellogg's marriage** was a telling discourse in favour of **departing from principle**. Many lectures upon reform

could not counteract the **evil influence** which was thus exerted.” {*Pamphlet 100: Testimony for the Physicians and Helpers of the Sanitarium, p. 77.2*}

Furthermore, the prophetess says: “This **outward splendour, pomp, and ceremony**, which only mock the longings of the sin-sick soul, are an evidence of **inward corruption**. The religion of Christ needs not such attractions to recommend it... No **external decorations** can enhance its true worth.” {*The Great Controversy, p. 566.3*}

Ella E. Kellogg was *not* a Seventh-day Adventist. She was a **Seventh-day Baptist**; ^{[81] [9]} and she subscribed to the *Sabbath Recorder* – a church newsletter, popular among Seventh-day Baptists. This author of this newsletter was Dr. A. H. Lewis, who believed and taught **pantheistic theories**. “[Dr.] Kellogg greatly admired Lewis and received and read every issue of his publication.” ^[7] In 1895, Dr. Lewis was invited to the Kellogg home, where he shared his false ideas with the Kellogg family. ^{[7] [9]}

According to Dr. Sanford P. S. Edwards, “**Dr. Lewis was once Mrs. Kellogg’s pastor** and President of Alfred University, where she got her degree. His paper, the *Sabbath Recorder*, was **steeped in pantheism**. It came regularly to the Kellogg home.” ^[7]

This little piece of history holds an **important key** to understanding the history of the **alpha apostasy**. **Dr. Kellogg listened to his wife and to her pastor, which led him to believe and teach pantheistic theories.** ^[10] (In *Edition 09*, we will revisit this point and make a parallel comparison to the **omega apostasy**.)



In **1881**, ^[2d] Dr. Kellogg visited Ellen G. White, to talk to her about these new religious concepts:

“Before my husband’s death, **Dr. Kellogg** came to my room to tell me that he had **great light**. He sat down and told me what it was. It was similar to some of the views that he has presented in ‘**Living Temple**.’ I said, ‘**Those theories are wrong. I have met them before.**’ ...

“These **sophistries**... lead to making God a nonentity and Christ a nonentity. **We are to rebuke these theories in the name of the Lord.**

“As I talked about these things, laying the whole matter before **Dr. Kellogg**, and showing him what the outcome of receiving these theories would be, he seemed to be dazed. I said, **‘Never teach such theories in our institutions; do not present them to the people.’**” Manuscript 70, 1905. {*Manuscript Releases, Volume 5, pp. 278.4 - 279.2*}

“The Lord presented this matter to me, revealing that the result of such teaching was a **subtle beguiling of the mind**, and that **the Doctor himself did not foresee this result of his extreme views** in regard to God in nature. These ideas were presented in an attractive, alluring form. **I told him that the Lord was greatly dishonoured by being thus represented, and that such ideas would lead the people into spiritualism.** I bore a very plain testimony on this point.” {*Letter 271a, September 18, 1903 par. 3*}

Despite this counsel, **Dr. Kellogg** “did not give up the belief.” ^[2d]

What is Pantheism?

The word “pantheism” comes from two Greek words: *pan*, meaning ‘all,’ and *theos*, meaning ‘god.’ Hence, *pantheism* teaches that “all is God;” or “God is everything.” ^{[11][12]}

Pantheism is the position that God and nature are one and the same. That is, that God is “the transcendent reality, of which man, nature and the material universe are manifestations.” Some definitions also include the forces and laws of the universe. ^{[13][14]}

Pantheism teaches that “God is everything and everyone, and that everyone and everything is God.” ^[15] However, “it should be quite obvious that when *everything* is made ‘god,’ *nothing* is God!” ^[16]

Hence, *pantheism* allows for the worship and/or tolerance of many gods (*polytheism*). ^[14] According to *pantheism*, ‘God’ and idols are the same. *Pantheism* therefore **opposes** belief in a **personal God**, who has a distinct identity and is separate from His creation.

However, Ellen G. White plainly says:

“Nature is not God, nor was it ever God. The voice of nature testifies of God, but nature is not God... Deity is the author of nature... **There is a personal God, the Father; there is a personal Christ, the Son.**” {*The Review and Herald, November 8, 1898 par. 9*}

“I am instructed to warn our brethren and sisters not to discuss the nature of our God... **We are not to say that the Lord God of heaven is in a leaf, or in a tree; for He is not there. He sitteth upon His throne in the heavens.**

“The work of the Creator as seen in nature reveals His power. **But nature is not above God, nor is God in nature as some represent Him to be.** God made the world, but the world is not God; it is but the work of His hands. Nature reveals the work of a positive, **personal God**, showing that God is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” {*Manuscript Releases, Volume 4, pp. 57.3 - 58.1*}

Dr. Kellogg Taught Pantheistic Theories

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg first taught **pantheistic theories** publicly in February, 1897, in a series of talks at the ministerial institute, which preceded the General Conference session held in the College View church at Lincoln, Nebraska. ^{[3a] [9] [17]} In a lecture entitled, “**God in Man**,” Dr. Kellogg boldly said:

“**Gravitation** acts instantaneously throughout all space. By this mysterious force of gravitation, the whole universe is held together in a **bond of unity**... We have here the evidence of a **universal presence**, an intelligent presence, an all-wise presence, an all-powerful presence, a **presence** by the aid of which **every atom of the universe is kept in touch with every other atom.** **This force** that holds all things together, that is **everywhere present**, that thrills throughout the whole universe, that acts instantaneously through boundless space, **can be nothing else than God Himself.** What a wonderful thought that **this same God is in us and in everything**...

“What a wonderful thought, that this mighty **God** that keeps the whole universe in order, **is in us!** ...And what an amazing thing, that this almighty, all-powerful, and all-wise **God should make Himself a servant of man by giving man a free will - power to direct the energy within his body!**” {*Doctor John Harvey Kellogg, as quoted in the General Conference Daily Bulletin, February 19, 1897, p. 83.1, 4*} ^{[3a] [7] [9] [17]}

However, the prophetess says:

“The theories that **Dr. Kellogg is now advocating are similar to the theories that Satan presented to the holy pair in Eden.** I told Elder A. T. Jones that which the

Lord has presented to me... I told him that our brother [Dr. Kellogg] was **under the influence of Satanic agencies**, and that for so long a time had he been working away from the principles of truth and righteousness, that he had been entangled, and had in himself no power to escape from the **snare of the enemy.**" *{Spalding and Magan Collection, p. 335.1}*

"Soon after Dr. Kellogg first connected with the Sanitarium, I was shown that he was in danger of **entertaining false views of God...**

"[Dr. Kellogg] was **under the influence of Satanic agencies**, and that for so long a time had he been working away from the principles of truth and righteousness, that he had been entangled, and had in himself no power to escape from the snare of the enemy...

"[In a night vision, I saw that] Dr. Kellogg was speaking, and he was filled with enthusiasm regarding his subject... The subject upon which he was speaking was life, and **the relation of God to all living things.** In his presentation he cloaked the matter somewhat, but in reality he was presenting **scientific theories** which are akin to **pantheism...** One by my side told me that the **evil angels had taken captive the mind of the speaker.**" *{Manuscript Releases, Volume 5, p. 375.1-3}*

"The heavenly messenger turned to those professing to be **medical missionaries**, and said, 'How could you allow yourselves to be led **blindfold**? How could you so misrepresent the name you bear? You have your Bibles. **Why have you not reasoned from cause to effect?** You have accepted theories that have led you away from the truths that are to stamp their impress upon the characters of all Seventh-day Adventists. **Your leader has been moving the foundation timbers one by one**, and **his reasoning would soon leave us with no certain foundation for our faith.** He has not heeded the testimonies that God through His Spirit has given. The books of the Bible containing most important instruction are disregarded because they say so much about a **personal God.** He has not known whither his feet were tending. But in his recent writings, his tendencies toward **pantheism** have been revealed." *{Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 07, p. 39.2}; {Battle Creek Letters, p. 81.2}*

"**Pantheistic ideas regarding God in nature are framed by Lucifer, the fallen angel.** The strange part of the matter is that these ideas have been accepted by so many as **beautiful truth.** But that which they think is **light** will lead them into **dense darkness.**" *{Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 07, p. 49.2}*

“Many will be **deceived by the father of lies**, and some strange, principal theories will be introduced as precious heavenly truth when it is the **subtleties of corrupting principles**... It is **spiritualising**. The **theories** are **destructive to truth**, **destructive to holiness**, and **originated by the devil**.” [*{Letter 52, April 5, 1903 par. 16}*](#)

“**Dr. Kellogg** has been **beguiled** by **beautiful, philosophical theories** that are **contrary to the truth**... For a long time he has been presented to me as a man **walking in strange paths**. He has not been working with the Lord... The Lord will **not forever bear with his perversity**.” *{Manuscript Releases, Volume 11, p. 249.1}*

“I would not dare to speak of God as you, **Dr. John Harvey Kellogg**, have spoken of Him... My brother, when you are tempted to speak of God, where He is, or what He is, remember that on this point **silence is eloquence**. **Take off your shoes from off your feet; for the ground on which you are placing your careless, unsanctified feet, is holy ground**. I am instructed to say that there is nothing in the Word of God to substantiate your **spiritualistic theories**. Will you not renounce these theories at once and forever? Upon them your mind has been dwelling for a long time, but **they have had no sanctifying, refining ennobling influence upon your life**. **The Lord has not use for these theories, and He would not have His people vindicate or propagate them**.” *{Manuscript Releases, Volume 4, p. 58.3-5}*

“Already there are coming in among our people **spiritualistic teachings** that will **undermine the faith** of those who give heed to them. The **theory that God is an essence pervading all nature** is one of **Satan’s most subtle devices**. [This theory] **misrepresents God** and is a **dishonour** to His **greatness and majesty**.

“**Pantheistic theories** are **not sustained by the word of God**... **Darkness is their element, sensuality their sphere**... Separation from God is the result of **accepting them**...

“This power [the supernatural power of God in Jesus Christ] the **spiritualistic theories** concerning God make of no effect. **If God is an essence pervading all nature, then He dwells in all men; and in order to attain holiness, man has only to develop the power that is within him**.

“**These theories, followed to their logical conclusion, sweep away the whole Christian economy**. They do away with the necessity for the **atonement** and **make man his own saviour**. **These theories regarding God make His word of no effect**,

and those who accept them are in great danger of being led finally to look upon the whole Bible as a fiction. They may regard virtue as better than vice; but God being removed from His position of sovereignty, they place their dependence upon human power, which, without God, is worthless. The unaided human will has no real power to resist and overcome evil. The defences of the soul are broken down. Man has no barrier against sin. When once the restraints of God's word and His Spirit are rejected, we know not to what depths one may sink." {Testimonies for the Church, Volume 8, p. 291.1-4}; also see {Battle Creek Letters, pp. 79.1 - 82.1}

This quote can be applied to the leaders of the **alpha apostasy**:

"They may regard virtue as better than vice; but God being removed from His position of sovereignty, they place their dependence upon human power, which, without God, is worthless." {Testimonies for the Church, Volume 8, p. 291.4}

Likewise, writing on the **omega apostasy**, the prophetess says:

"The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless." {Selected Messages, Book 2, p. 204.2}

Pantheism and Counterfeit Sanctification

"They would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless." This is characteristic of both the **alpha apostasy** and the **omega apostasy**.

"Nearly every false religion has been based on the same principle - that man can depend upon his own efforts for salvation. It is claimed by some that the human race is in need, not of redemption, but of development - that it can refine, elevate, and regenerate itself. As Cain thought to secure the divine favour by an offering that lacked the blood of a sacrifice, so do these expect to exalt humanity to the divine standard, independent of the atonement. The history of Cain shows what must be the result. It shows what man will become apart from Christ. Humanity has no power to regenerate itself. It does not tend upward, toward the divine, but downward, toward the satanic." {Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 73.1}

One characteristic of both the **alpha apostasy** and the **omega apostasy** is this concept of **false sanctification** - this **erroneous model of righteousness**. Whilst the Bible teaches that man is, of himself, completely wicked; and that to attain to **righteousness**, one must **put away self entirely** and **depend on Jesus entirely**; (for, by nature, the human heart is false and deceptive); this erroneous model teaches that “the human race is in need, not of redemption, but of development - that it can refine, elevate, and regenerate itself. As Cain thought to secure the divine favour by an offering that lacked the blood of a sacrifice, so do these expect to exalt humanity to the divine standard, independent of the atonement.” That is, that **man can save himself**; or that **man can depend upon his own merits to attain to the righteousness of Christ**.

Reading *Patriarchs and Prophets, chapter 5*, or *Spiritual Gifts, Volume 3, chapter 3*, one can see the development of the **two classes** of the **everlasting gospel**, as typified in the story of **Cain and Abel**. Whilst the works of **Abel** typify those of the “wheat,” at midnight, in “the time of harvest,” in **bringing an offering which signifies their need of Jesus**; the works of **Cain** typify the works of the **omega apostasy**:

“**Cain** came before God with murmuring and infidelity in his heart in regard to the promised sacrifice and the necessity of the sacrificial offerings. **His gift expressed no penitence for sin**. He felt, as many now feel, that it would be an acknowledgment of weakness to follow the exact plan marked out by God, of trusting his salvation wholly to the atonement of the promised Saviour. He chose the course of **self-dependence**. He would come in his own merits. He would not bring the lamb, and mingle its blood with his offering, but would present **his fruits**, the products of **his labour**. He presented his offering as a favour done to God, through which he expected to secure the divine approval. Cain obeyed in building an altar, obeyed in bringing a sacrifice; but he rendered only a partial obedience. **The essential part, the recognition of the need of a Redeemer, was left out.**” {*Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 72.1*}

“Cain... merely took of the fruit of the ground and disregarded the requirement of God. God had made known to Adam that without shedding of blood there could be no remission for sin. [However], **Cain was not particular to bring even the best of the fruits.**” {*Spiritual Gifts, Volume 3, p. 47.2*}

“Lay hold upon the meritorious blood of a crucified and risen Saviour. He is your only hope. He is your righteousness, your Substitute and Surety, your all in all. When you realise that, you can bring to Him only an offering of praise. But when you are not willing to come to Christ and acknowledge that **He does it all**, when you feel that you

must first take a few steps, and come so far, and then God will meet you; that is just exactly like **Cain's offering**. **He did not know Jesus, and he did not know that the blood of Jesus could cleanse his sins and make his offering acceptable to God.**" [Manuscript 1, May 11, 1889 par. 60.](#) {*Faith and Works, p. 76.3*}

"The danger has been presented to me again and again of entertaining, as a people, **false ideas of justification by faith**. I have been shown for years that Satan would work in a special manner to confuse the mind on this point. The law of God has been largely dwelt upon and has been presented to congregations, almost as destitute of the knowledge of Jesus Christ and His relation to the law as was the **offering of Cain**. I have been shown that many have been kept from the faith because of the mixed, confused ideas of salvation, because the ministers have worked in a wrong manner to reach hearts." [Manuscript 36, 1890 par. 3.](#) {*Faith and Works, p. 18.1*}

"Several have written to me, inquiring if the message of **justification by faith** is the **third angel's message**, and I have answered, **'It is the third angel's message in verity.'**" {*The Review and Herald, April 1, 1890 par. 8*}

As shown in previous *Editions* of **Leaves of Life**, the three angels' messages are the three steps of the everlasting gospel. See *Spiritual Gifts, Volume 1, p. 168.2* and/or *Early Writings, p. 258.3*. As the Millerites were required to go through all three steps in their history, so we must progress through these steps in our history. At the **third step**, which begins at **midnight** for the priests, there will be a controversy over "**justification by faith**." Like the "poor publican" in Luke 18:9-14, the five wise virgins, like Isaiah, will **confess their sin** - their "hidden evil" - at midnight. They will lay hold upon the merits of Jesus and 'go down to their house **justified**.' Like Abel, their offering will be accepted by God. Meanwhile, "the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." Daniel 12:10. The wicked, like Cain, do not know Jesus, and do not know that the blood of Jesus alone can cleanse them of their sins and make their offering acceptable to God. Hence, instead of going to the cross, at midnight, the leadership of the omega apostasy will "go into the cities, and do a wonderful work." See *Selected Messages, Book 1, p. 204.2*.

Thus we can see that this subject of **counterfeit sanctification** is an important feature of Bible prophecy, relating to the **omega apostasy**.

How did **Dr. Kellogg** teach this **counterfeit sanctification**?

In the previous lecture quoted from the doctor, he says, **“This same God is in us and in everything... What a wonderful thought, that this mighty God... is in us!”**

And the prophetess says:

“If God is an essence pervading all nature, then He dwells in all men; and in order to attain holiness, man has only to develop the power that is within him.”
{Testimonies for the Church, Volume 8, p. 291.3}

Therefore, **Dr. Kellogg** was teaching that **“in order to attain holiness, man has only to develop the power that is within him.”** This is a species of **self-righteousness**; and hence, **counterfeit sanctification**. However, Ellen G. White says:

“All through my life I have had the same errors to meet... In ‘Living Temple,’ the assertion is made that God is in the flower, in the leaf, in the sinner. But God does not live in the sinner. The Word declares that He abides only in the hearts of those who love Him and do righteousness. God does not abide in the heart of the sinner; it is the enemy who abides there.” *{Sermons and Talks, Volume 1, p. 343.1}*

This is one **key feature** of the **omega apostasy – a false message of sanctification**.

“During the meetings at Orebro, I was urged by the Spirit of the Lord to present His law as the great standard of righteousness, and to warn our people against the modern, counterfeit sanctification, which has its origin in will-worship rather than in submission to the will of God. This error is fast flooding the world, and as God’s witnesses we shall be called to bear a decided testimony against it. It is one of the veriest delusions of the last days, and will prove a temptation to all who believe present truth. Those who have not their faith firmly established upon the word of God will be misled. And the saddest part of it all is that so few who are deceived by this error ever find their way to the light again.

“The Bible is the standard by which to test the claims of all who profess sanctification. Jesus prayed that His disciples might be sanctified through the truth, and He says, ‘Thy word is truth;’ while the psalmist declares, ‘Thy law is the truth.’ ...If the claimants of holiness even intimate that they are no longer required to search the Scriptures, we need not hesitate to pronounce their sanctification spurious. They are leaning to their own understanding, instead of conforming to the will of God.” *{The Review and Herald, October 5, 1886 par. 17-18}*

A “Peace and Safety” Message

In teaching **pantheism**, **Dr. Kellogg** taught a “**peace and safety**” message:

“There was one by your side working you. It was the one who was the **prince of the power of the air**, and you were represented as linked up with him—your arm in his, his mind moulding your mind, and putting us, the remnant people of God, in a false light before Seventh-day Adventists and the world, while **representing yourself in a false light as the great power of God**. This stands against you in the books of heaven. **‘False, false,’** said the heavenly messenger. **You were weighed in the balance and found wanting**. When any message and warning has been unheeded, your excuses have been framed by one who was by your side. **The specious, scheming representations of God in nature** carry their charming, soothing influence as a **peace and safety pill** to give to the people in the **spiritualistic views** that **Satan** has instituted in **your theories...**

“I am now to lift the note of warning and give the trumpet a certain sound. **Wake up**, brethren; **wake up** from your **peace and safety** attitude and seek the Lord while He may be found; **call ye upon Him while He is now nigh, in every church, with fasting, with confession and true repentance of heart**. I am instructed to say that those who, **‘being often reprov’d,’ hardeneth their hearts, ‘shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy,’** meaning that there will be no chance for repentance, no chance to redeem the past. They are passed beyond the time, and the word is given, ‘Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone.’ Hosea 4:17.

“It is written, **‘My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.’** Matthew 21:13. This is applicable to many of the devisings and plannings under the suggestions of the power of him who is called the **prince of the power of the air...** Solid, eternal truth is our only safety now from **specious errors** dressed in the **angelic robes of science.**” [*{Letter 301, April 5, 1903 par. 3, 5-6}*](#)

According to this passage in the Spirit of Prophecy, written to **Dr. Kellogg** in 1903, there is a **call to repentance** when the church is to “**wake up, wake up.**” This call must be placed at **midnight**, for that is when the ten virgins “**wake up,**” according to Matthew 25:5-7 and *Christ’s Object Lessons*, p. 412.1. At **midnight**, the leadership of the **omega apostasy**, who are “**joined to idols,**” will be punished immediately. (These “idols” to which they are joined are false doctrines and/or false conceptions of

God. See *The Great Controversy*, p. 583.1.) Because of their **peace and safety message**, they “shall **suddenly be destroyed**, and that **without remedy**;” “for when they shall say, **Peace and safety**; then **sudden destruction** cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and **they shall not escape**.” Proverbs 29:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:3.

However, mercy still lingers for those who have permitted themselves to become deceived. For this class, there is a **call to repentance** at **midnight**, when the church is to “**wake up**.” (See paragraph 5 in the above quote. Moreover, see point #3 in the section below: “*Three Fundamental Errors Taught by the Omega Apostasy*.”)

This subject will be further discussed in *Edition 09*.

Dr. Kellogg taught a message of false sanctification, which was a peace and safety message. Likewise, the leaders of the omega apostasy will teach a message of false sanctification, which is a peace and safety message:

“Brother J received from Elder K a **false theory of sanctification**, which is **outside of the third angel’s message**, and wherever received **destroys the love for the message**. I was shown that Elder K was upon **dangerous ground**...

“It was this **theory of sanctification** which Sister G received of Elder K, and which she tried to follow out, that carried her into that **dreadful fanaticism**. Elder K has bewildered and confused many minds with this **theory of sanctification**. **All who embrace it lose to a great extent their interest in and love for the third angel’s message**. This **view of sanctification** is a very pretty-looking theory. It whitewashes over poor souls who are in **darkness, error, and pride**. It gives them an appearance of being good Christians, and of possessing holiness, when their hearts are corrupt. It is a **peace-and-safety theory**, which does not bring to light evil and reprove and rebuke wrong. It heals the hurt of the daughter of God’s people slightly, crying: **Peace, peace**, when there is no peace. Men and women of **corrupt hearts** throw around them the **garb of sanctification**, and are looked upon as examples to the flock, when they are **Satan’s agents**, used by him to allure and deceive honest souls into a bypath, **that they may not feel the force and importance of the solemn truths proclaimed by the third angel**.” {*Testimonies for the Church, Volume 1, pp. 334.1 - 335.1*}

The **theory of false sanctification** taught by the **omega apostasy** leads men to trust in self, destroys love for the third angel’s message, “**the binding-off message**,”* and **confuses one’s perception of morality**. **Testimonies for the Church, Volume 9, p. 98.1*.

Three Fundamental Errors Taught by the Alpha Apostasy

The secretary of the General Conference at the time, Elder William Ambrose Spicer, writes of an interview he had one Sabbath afternoon with Dr. Kellogg:

“Sitting down with no thought that there could be any differences of a really controversial nature, and with the heartiest of friendly feelings, personally I was at once in the midst of a discussion of the most controversial questions. Instead of things in the book being inadvertently overdrawn because of employment of scientific terms, unfamiliar to most of us, I learned that the teaching was conservatively stated in the book; that the teaching was really of intent to signify that God was in the things of nature. ‘Where is God?’ I was asked. I would naturally say, He is in heaven; there the Bible pictures the throne of God, all the heavenly beings at His command as messengers between heaven and earth. But I was told that God was in the grass and plants and in the trees (with motions to the grass and trees about us, as we sat on the open veranda). ‘Where is heaven?’ I was asked. I had my idea of the centre of the universe, with heaven and the throne of God in the midst, but disclaimed any attempt to fix the centre of the universe astronomically. **But I was urged to understand that heaven is where God is; and God is everywhere, in the grass, in the trees, in all creation. There was no place in this scheme of things for angels going between heaven and earth, for heaven was here and everywhere. The cleansing of the sanctuary that we taught about was not something in a far-away heaven. The sin is here (the hand pointing to the heart), and here is the sanctuary to be cleansed. To think of God as having a form in the image of which man was made, was said to be idolatry.**” ^[18a]

Thus, Dr. Kellogg’s false views of God deny the fact that God is a *person*. However, the prophetess says:

“I have often seen the lovely Jesus, that He is a *person*. I asked Him if His Father was a *person* and had a form like Himself. Said Jesus, ‘I am in the express *image* of My Father’s *person*.’” {*Early Writings*, p. 77.1}

“I saw a throne, and on it sat the Father and the Son. I gazed on Jesus’ countenance and admired His lovely *person*. The Father’s *person* I could not behold, for a cloud of glorious light covered Him. I asked Jesus if His Father had a **form** like Himself. He said He had, but I could not behold it, for said He, ‘If you should once behold the glory of His *person*, you would cease to exist.’” {*Early Writings*, p. 54.2}

Instead of God being a **person**, pantheism teaches that “God is an essence pervading all nature.” Therefore, there is no **person** called “God.” Hence, these theories, followed to their logical conclusion, do away with the necessity for the atonement and make man his own saviour. **Thus, pantheism denies the sanctuary and the atonement.**

“These theories, followed to their logical conclusion, **sweep away the whole Christian economy.** They do away with the necessity for the **atonement** and **make man his own saviour.**” {*Testimonies for the Church, Volume 8, p. 291.4*}

“As **Cain** thought to secure the divine favour by an offering that lacked the blood of a sacrifice, so do these expect to exalt humanity to the divine standard, **independent of the atonement.**” {*Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 73.1*}

“The young people in **Battle Creek** are in danger. They will come in contact with **error.** Years ago, I did not think that **they would meet these errors right in the Sanitarium;** but when ‘**Living Temple**’ came out, and some of our ministers told me that there was in it nothing but what I had been teaching all my life, I saw how great the danger was...

“In a representation which passed before me, I saw a certain work being done by **medical missionary workers.** Our ministering brethren were looking on, watching what was being done, but they did not seem to understand. **The foundation of our faith,** which was established by so much prayer, such earnest searching of the Scriptures, was being taken down, **pillar by pillar.** Our faith was to have nothing to rest upon – the **sanctuary** was gone, the **atonement** was gone. I realised that something must be done.” {*Sermons and Talks, Volume 1, pp. 343.5 - 344.1*}

The president of the General Conference at the time, Elder A. G. Daniells, refers to Dr. Kellogg’s teachings as “**veiled heathenism.**” ^[19] According to Daniells, speaking of Dr. Kellogg’s teachings, “**The conclusion of all that talk was that the Creator, whatever He might be like, was in the things that were made, that were created; therefore, man must look within for his Maker and his God.**” ^[20]

Hence, in a letter written to Elder W. C. White (Ellen G. White’s son), in October, 1903, Elder Daniells says:

“We are facing what may prove to be another serious difference and struggle. We are **simply amazed at the course the doctor is taking regarding this book...** We have believed, most sincerely..., that **the teaching of the book is subversive [to]**

the gospel of Jesus Christ... A year ago, Professor Prescott pointed out **three fundamental errors** [in Dr. Kellogg's book, '*The Living Temple*'], which strike at the very **foundation** of the **gospel**: one is a clear-cut **denial of the personality of God, as set forth in the Scriptures**; another is the utter **ignoring of the atonement**; and the third [is] **the removal of the gulf that separates the sinner from the man who is saved by the grace of God**. As you know, some of us have seen these errors so plainly, and have felt them so keenly, that we have been **greatly troubled** during the entire year as to what course to take to prevent [these errors] from leavening our young people.

"Now the Spirit of Prophecy... denounces these errors in unmistakable language. The teaching of the book is called '**mysticism,**' '**subtle sophistries,**' '**Satanic delusions,**' etc. You have read the communications, and know their fearful import...

"Br. Prescott and I feel that we must be exceedingly careful regarding this matter. We have read the various statements Sister White has made in her different communications about the teaching of this book and the frightful results that will come from its acceptance, and we feel that it is a **serious thing that cannot be trifled with in the least degree**. We propose to stand squarely upon every detail of the light given in the *Testimonies*, as well as the teaching of the Scriptures. **We are obliged to refuse to surrender a single inch of the ground [we occupy], or to compromise a single point of the truth God has given us**. Really, I feel that our situation is more **dangerous** [at] this hour, than at any previous time."^[21]

We therefore have these **three fundamental errors** in Dr. Kellogg's teaching:

1. **A denial of the personality of God**
2. **Ignoring the atonement**
3. **Removing the gulf that separates the sinner from the man who is saved by the grace of God**

In relation to this third point, Elder William Ambrose Spicer says:

"The doctrine of pantheism strikes out the distinction between good and evil. It is all divine. **While appearing to exalt all natural life to the divine, it really drags the divine down to the level of the natural.**"^[18b]

Moreover, in describing **spiritualism**, Uriah Smith says:

“The doctrines which they teach are also directly contrary to the Bible. **They deny God. They deny Christ. They deny [the] atonement. They deny the Bible. They deny the existence of sin, and all distinction between right and wrong.**” ^[22]

Three Fundamental Errors Taught by the Omega Apostasy

We have just read about the **three fundamental errors** that were taught by **Dr. Kellogg** in the **alpha apostasy**. We shall now look at the **parallel** to these **three errors**, which will be taught by the **omega apostasy**:

1. **Denying the personality of God, as set forth in the scriptures. At the end of the world, the character or personality of God is represented by the lines that are drawn on the whiteboard.** Here are three examples of this:
 - a. **God declares the end from the beginning.** In the following scriptures, **God is telling us something about Himself**: Isaiah 46:9-10; 44:6-7; 42:9; 41:21-23, 26. He is describing His **character** or His **personality**. That is, that the end of a thing is typified by its beginning. This is a **principle** that **describes who God is**. **Now, today, we illustrate this principle – we illustrate God’s character – His personality – by the lines we draw on the whiteboard.** For this example, we could compare the history of the **three decrees**, in the time of Ezra, to the history of the **three angels’ messages** in Millerite history. The **beginning** of the 2300 days’ prophecy is marked at the **third decree**. The **end** of the 2300 days’ prophecy is marked at the (arrival of the) **third angel’s message**. Thus, the Lord Jesus illustrates the **end** (or **omega**) by the **beginning** (or **alpha**). This is **God’s character**, which can be illustrated by how we draw the lines on the whiteboard. **By denying these prophetic principles, which govern how we are to understand the message of “line upon line,” the omega apostasy denies the personality of God, as set forth in the scriptures.**
 - b. **The three angels’ messages have an order; and “there cannot be a third without the first and second.”** *Selected Messages, Book 2, p. 104.3.* Again, this **principle** tells us about the **personality of God**. The three

steps of the everlasting gospel have an order. They must come in that order. **God's people cannot experience the third step until they have first experienced the first and second steps. These principles define God's personality - His character. They dictate how we draw the lines on the whiteboard. If we were to place the characteristics of the third step as happening simultaneously with the first and second steps, we would be denying the personality of God, as set forth in the scriptures.**

- c. ***"The principles of God's dealing with men are ever the same."*** See *The Great Controversy*, p. 343.1. **At the end of the world, we illustrate "the principles of God's dealing with men" by the lines we draw on the whiteboard.** Moreover, the prophetic message for our time is **"line upon line, line upon line."** Isaiah 28:10. **"Prophecy has been fulfilling, line upon line."** *Selected Messages, Book 2*, p. 114.2. **At the end of the world, the prophetic message illustrates the consistency of the principles of God's dealing with men, through the prophetic lines.** For example, we may draw the reform lines of Moses, the three decrees, Christ, the Millerites, etc. and illustrate that the principles of God's dealing with men are ever the same. Thus, we teach a prophetic truth concerning the **character or personality of God. The omega apostasy denies the personality of God, as set forth in the scriptures. While the Bible says, "There is no new thing under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9), sentiments are now being heard that suggest that, at the end of the world, our faith, our religious practice, our experience, will differ from those of God's people in former ages. Thus, this prophetic principle, which shows forth the character and/or personality of God, is denied.**

As foretold in Isaiah 5:18, the leadership of the **omega apostasy** will **"draw iniquity with cords of vanity."** **That is, they will draw lines on the whiteboard that are not in harmony with the principles of the character of God. By changing the characteristics of the waymarks that define the prophetic message - by breaking the rules that govern how we understand prophecy - the omega apostasy will deny the personality of God, as set forth in the scriptures.**

2. **Ignoring the atonement.** The core doctrine of the Christian religion is that Jesus Christ died for our sins. It is through His blood - His mediation for us in the Heavenly Sanctuary - His **atonement** - that we are reconciled to the

Father. The Bible teaches that Christ is our example in all things; (John 13:15; 1 Peter 2:21). As Jesus Christ died for us on the **cross**, so must we **deny self, take up the cross**, and **follow Him**. See Matthew 16:24. The **omega apostasy** will **deny** this **fundamental doctrine**.

“Many are deceiving their own souls by living an **easy-going, accommodating, crossless religion.**” {*The Signs of the Times, June 16, 1890 par. 6*}

It can be shown that at **midnight**, the **five wise virgins** will **go to the cross**. The **sign of Jonah** is the Son of man **“three days and three nights** in the heart of the earth.” Matthew 12:39-40. **However, in the teaching that midnight typifies the Second Coming of Christ, the omega apostasy denies the fact that we are to go to the cross at midnight.** Hence, **the atonement** is **“ignored.”**

Furthermore, it can be shown that the **22nd of October, 1844** typifies **midnight**. See *The Great Controversy, p. 426.1*, which parallels Matthew 25:6-10 with Daniel 8:14. (For further confirmation, compare *Christ’s Object Lessons, p. 412.1* with *The Great Controversy, pp. 425.1-3* and Malachi 3:1.) **Seventh-day Adventists believe that on the 22nd of October, 1844, Jesus entered into the Most Holy Place to begin the work of the investigative judgement. By denying the work of the investigative judgement at midnight, the omega apostasy will ignore the atonement.** See also *Early Writings, pp. 54.2 - 56.1*.

3. **Removing the gulf that separates the sinner from the man who is saved by the grace of God.** The third error is related to an inability to make any distinction between the righteous and the wicked. As the **omega apostasy changes the personality of God**, by drawing **“cords of vanity”** (the first error), it is now being taught that the controversy between the **wheat and the tares no longer has any relation to morality**. It is not about right and wrong. It is about whether or not one is on **“the right side.”** According to what is now being taught, if one is in agreement with the side of popularity, then one is said to be on **“the right side,”** and destined to be **“bound up with the wheat,”** during the **“time of harvest.”** **As long as one chooses to affiliate themselves with the majority, he need not become so concerned about overcoming his sins.** (This **false teaching** is the fruit of the **error** of **false sanctification**, also taught by the **omega apostasy**.)

Moreover, it is also taught that anybody who affiliates themselves with the “unpopular side” can be identified – even now, prior to the harvest – as a tare. Thus, according to these new teachings, – the “new religion,” according to *Selected Messages, Book 1, p. 204.2*, – all moral sense has vanished from the prophetic model!

It is true that one can see two groups, or two messages, now forming, in this movement. However, it is not true that one can identify particular individuals as either “wheat” or “tares.” The erroneous prophetic model, as outlined in the above two paragraphs, is oversimplified. It is lacking in two fundamental principles. Firstly, this model **denies the moral component to the Christian faith**. Secondly, this model denies **the mercy of God** – another element of **God’s character** or **personality**.

Let us now consider **the first problem**. By denying the **moral component** to the Christian faith, – by saying that one is either a wheat or a tare *only* based on which prophetic message he or she is following, – it is therefore taught that the **difference** between the **two classes of worshippers** is **not a moral difference**. **This is grossly untrue!** Morality and prophecy go hand in hand. (This was covered in *Edition 01*.) There certainly is a moral difference between the wheat and the tares! Whilst the wheat are sighing and crying for all the abominations done in the land and in the church (Ezekiel 9:4), the tares are of such a character as described in Psalm 50:16-21: “Unto the **wicked** God saith..., **Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit. Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother’s son...** [Therefore], I will reprove thee, and set [thy wicked actions] in order before thine eyes.”

Let us now consider **the second problem**: denying the **mercy of God**. According to the prophetic model described above, **we would have to conclude that at the third step (midnight), there is no hope** for those who have been **innocently deceived by false teachers during the first and second steps**. However, this denies the entire purpose of the third step!

Two groups are now forming: light and darkness. However, character is not fixed until the third step. Those who are on “the right side,” in the “light,” have the potential to “fall away” during the “binding-off” test: “As the storm

approaches, a **large class** who have **professed faith in the third angel's message**, but have **not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition.**" *The Great Controversy*, p. 608.2.

Meanwhile, many who are on "the wrong side," in the darkness, are **ignorant** of many glorious truths connected with the third angel's message and the complex play of events that commence at midnight. Although these souls have permitted themselves to become deceived, many of them are honest at heart; and at midnight, they will see the light and come to the right side. The **crisis at midnight** allows these persons to **manifest their characters, repent of their neglect to "prove all things" (during the first two steps)**, and join the "**little praying company,**" who are "**travelling the narrow way.**"

"God in His great mercy made a distinction between the leaders in rebellion and those whom they had led. The people who had permitted themselves to be deceived were still granted space for repentance." See *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 401.2. (See chapter 35 of *Patriarchs and Prophets* for the context.)

Like the **thief on the cross**, this will be the experience of those who discern the light and come to the true side at midnight: "The Holy Spirit illuminates his mind, and little by little the chain of evidence is joined together. In Jesus, bruised, mocked, and hanging upon the cross, he sees the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." See *The Desire of Ages*, p. 750.1-2.

Moreover, see *Early Writings*, p. 69.2-3, quoted on page 5.

As shown on pages 12-14 of *Edition 02*, hope exists for everyone who is following the erroneous model until the close of probation, (which is placed at 'point b,' in the "binding-off" period.)

As Dr. Kellogg removed the gulf that separates the sinner from the man who is saved by the grace of God, so the **omega apostasy will redefine the prophetic terms of the two classes of worshippers, thus removing morality from how these classes are defined.**

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Health Section: The Original Diet

Dear readers, in this *Health Section*, we will cover the following points:

- The original diet (before sin) included grains, fruits, nuts, seeds and vegetables.
- After Adam and Eve sinned in Genesis 3, no changes were made to their diet. In terms of the different food classes, listed above, all these were the same. The only difference was in *how* man was to obtain his food. Prior to sin, food could be obtained in peace and happiness. However, after sin, the LORD God said to the man, "Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife... **cursed is the ground** for thy sake; in **sorrow** shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; **thorns** also and **thistles** shall it bring forth to thee... in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread [food], till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." Genesis 3:17-19. After sin, man was obliged to **cultivate the soil**, to grow food.

The Spirit of Prophecy Never Contradicts Scripture

"You might say that this communication was only a letter. Yes, it was a letter, but prompted by the Spirit of God, to bring before your minds things that had been shown me. **In these letters which I write, in the *Testimonies* I bear, I am presenting to you that which the Lord has presented to me. I do not write one article in the paper expressing merely my own ideas. They are what God has opened before me in vision - the precious rays of light shining from the throne.**" {*Testimonies for the Church, Volume 5, p. 67.2*}

“If the *Testimonies* speak not according to the Word of God, reject them. Christ and Belial cannot be united.” {*Testimonies for the Church, Volume 5, p. 691.2*}

“The Holy Ghost is the Author of the Scriptures and of the Spirit of Prophecy.” [Letter 92, July 2, 1900 par 12](#). {*Selected Messages, Book 3, p. 30.3*}

“The Bible must be your counsellor. Study it and the *Testimonies* God has given; for they never contradict His Word.” [Letter 106, March 19, 1907 par. 1](#). {*Selected Messages, Book 3, p. 32.3*}

According to these quotations, the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy are *always* in agreement. The Spirit of Prophecy **does not** reveal *additional truth*, but consistently teaches the *same lessons* as does the Bible:

“The written *Testimonies* are **not to give new light**, but to impress vividly upon the heart the truths of inspiration **already revealed**... **Additional truth is not brought out**; but God has through the *Testimonies* simplified the great truths **already given** and in His own chosen way brought them before the people to awaken and impress the mind with them, that all may be left without excuse... The *Testimonies* are not to belittle the Word of God, but to exalt it and attract minds to it, that the beautiful simplicity of truth may impress all.” {*Testimonies for the Church, Volume 2, p. 605.2-3*}

In this study, we are first going to see, from the Spirit of Prophecy, that the **original diet (prior to sin)** included **grains, fruits, nuts, seeds** and **vegetables**.

Given the above quotations, the Spirit of Prophecy never reveals additional truth outside of Scripture. Therefore, the Biblical terminology used in Genesis 1:29, in describing the **original diet of man**, must include **grains, fruits, nuts, seeds** and **vegetables**.

The Original Diet (Before Sin)

“God, in counsel with His Son, formed the plan of creating man in their own image... Adam and Eve came forth from the hand of their Creator in the perfection of every physical, mental, and spiritual endowment. God planted for them a garden, and surrounded them with everything lovely and attractive to the eye, and that which their

physical necessities required. This holy pair looked out upon a world of unsurpassed loveliness and glory. A benevolent Creator had given them evidences of His goodness and love in providing them with **fruits, vegetables, and grains**, and had caused to grow out of the ground trees of every variety for usefulness and beauty.

“The holy pair looked upon nature as a picture of unsurpassed loveliness... **Shrubs, flowers, and trailing vines**, regaled the senses with their beauty and fragrance. The many varieties of lofty trees were laden with **fruit** of every kind, and of delicious flavour, adapted to please the taste and meet the wants of the happy Adam and Eve. This Eden home God provided for our first parents, giving them unmistakable evidences of His great love and care for them.” *{The Review and Herald, February 24, 1874 par. 3-5}*

“Meat is not essential for health or strength, else the Lord made a mistake when He provided food for Adam and Eve **before their fall**. All the elements of nutrition are contained in the **fruits, vegetables, and grains**.” *{The Review and Herald, May 8, 1883 par. 3}*

“It is unnatural to have a craving for flesh meats. It was not thus in the beginning. The appetite for meat has been made and educated by man. Our Creator has furnished us, in **vegetables, grains, and fruits**, all the elements of nutrition necessary to health and strength. Flesh meats composed no part of the food of Adam and Eve **before their fall**. If **fruits, vegetables, and grains** are not sufficient to meet the wants of man, then the Creator made a mistake in providing for Adam.” *{Temperance, p. 160.1}; {The Signs of the Times, January 6, 1876 par. 19}*

“Meat is not essential to health or strength; had it been, it would have been included in the bill of fare of Adam and Eve **before the fall**. The money that is sometimes expended in buying meat would purchase a good variety of **fruits, vegetables, and grains**, which contain all the elements of nutrition.” *{The Gospel of Health, April 1, 1898 par. 12}; {Manuscript Releases, Volume 8, p. 376.3}*

“**Vegetables, fruits, and grains** should compose our diet. Not an ounce of flesh meat should enter our stomachs. The eating of flesh is unnatural. We are to return to God’s **original purpose in the creation of man**.” [Manuscript 115, 1903 \(September 4, 1902\) par. 31](#). *{Medical Missionary, p. 229.5}*

Hence, the diet of man **before sin** must have included **fruits, vegetables and grains**.

Now, we are going to see that **nuts** were also part of the **original diet**, before sin:

“God... is bringing [His people] back to the diet **originally given** to man. Their diet is to consist of the foods made from the materials He has provided. The materials principally used in these foods will be **fruits** and **grains** and **nuts**, but various **roots** will also be used.” *{Testimonies for the Church, Volume 7, p. 125.4}*

“In order to know what are the best foods, we must study **God’s original plan** for man’s diet. He who created man and who understands his needs appointed Adam his food... **Grains, fruits, nuts,** and **vegetables** constitute the diet **chosen for us by our Creator.**” *{The Ministry of Healing, pp. 295.3 - 296. 1}*

“It is a mistake to suppose that muscular strength depends on the use of animal food. The needs of the system can be better supplied, and more vigorous health can be enjoyed, without its use. The **grains**, with **fruits, nuts,** and **vegetables**, contain all the nutritive properties necessary to make good blood. These elements are not so well or so fully supplied by a flesh diet. Had the use of flesh been essential to health and strength, animal food would have been included in **the diet appointed man in the beginning.**” *{The Ministry of Healing, p. 316.2}*

Lastly, in this next quote, we can see that “**seeds**” is another category of food:

“The work of combining **fruits, seeds, grains,** and **roots** into wholesome foods, is the Lord’s work. In every place where a church has been established, let the church members... seek to enlighten the people with health reform principles.” [Manuscript 79, December 23, 1900 par. 14.](#) *{Counsels on Diet and Foods, p. 470.4}*

Therefore, from these quotes, we can see that man’s diet in the beginning, - **prior to sin**, - included **fruits, vegetables, grains** and **nuts**. **Today, we are to go back to the original diet.** (See *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 7, p. 125.4*, quoted above.) As the prophetess says in [Manuscript 79, December 23, 1900 par. 14](#), quoted above, today we are also to consume “seeds.” Consequently, “**seeds**” must also have been provided in the **original diet**. (In Genesis 1:29, **seeds** are directly mentioned as one of the food classes provided in the original diet.) Therefore, in conclusion, the Spirit of Prophecy teaches us that the **original diet** included **grains, fruits, nuts, seeds** and **vegetables**. (And, as the Spirit of Prophecy never reveals additional light outside of Scripture, all of the above food classes must be incorporated in Genesis 1:29.)

No Changes Made to Man's Diet (After Sin, in Genesis 3)

As mentioned in the introduction, no changes were made to the diet of man after sin. The only difference was in *how* man was to obtain his food. This conclusion has a bearing on how we read the following quote:

“In order to know what are the best foods, we must study **God's original plan** for man's diet. He who created man and who understands his needs appointed Adam his food. ‘Behold,’ He said, ‘I have given you every **herb yielding seed**... and every tree, in which is the **fruit** of a tree yielding **seed**; to you it shall be for **food**.’ Genesis 1:29, A.R.V. Upon leaving Eden to gain his livelihood by tilling the earth under the curse of sin, man received permission to eat **also** ‘the **herb of the field**.’ Genesis 3:18.”
{*The Ministry of Healing, p. 295.3*}

To the casual reader, it may appear, from this quote, that the “herb of the field” represents a different class of food in comparison to the “herb yielding [or bearing] seed.” However, this is not the case. From the context of what has been shared thus far, the diet of man, prior to sin, included **grains, fruits, nuts, seeds** and **vegetables**. No extra food category was added in Genesis 3:17-19. The difference in man's diet after sin is in *how* man was to obtain his plant-based diet. After sin, man was to eat his bread “in sorrow,” “in the sweat of [his] face,” continuously having to weed out the thorns and thistles that now grow everywhere in the soil. Thorns, thistles and weeds grow freely, without much difficulty. However, the appreciated food crops that today's gardeners and farmers attempt to cultivate are often less hardy, and hence require greater care and attention. **After sin, man had to cultivate the soil and perform hard labour for his daily food.** This is the difference referred to by the word “**also**,” in the above quote.

Moreover, when one looks up the word “also” in Noah Webster's 1828 dictionary, one can see that this word is defined to mean: “likewise; in like manner;” - not “in addition to.” When this definition is inserted, the above quote, from *The Ministry of Healing, p. 295.3*, can now be understood as follows:

Prior to sin, man ate “every **herb yielding seed**.” After sin, man **likewise** ate “the **herb of the field**.” (The “**herb of the field**” is not a different category of food to the “**herb yielding seed**.” These terms are, in fact, synonymous.)

In Genesis 1:11-12, God made the “**herb yielding seed,**” described in Genesis 1:29 as the “**herb bearing seed.**” (By consulting the Strong’s Concordance, the Bible student may easily determine that the “**herb yielding seed,**” described in Genesis 1:11-12, is identical to the “**herb bearing seed,**” mentioned in Genesis 1:29; for the same words are used in the Hebrew.) This Biblical class of foods was made **before sin.**

Likewise, Genesis chapter 2, which is also **before sin**, includes the “**herb of the field**” in a list of items describing “the generations of the heavens and of the earth, when they were created.” See Genesis 2:4-5. Hence, the “**herb of the field**” in Genesis 3:18 is **not a new class of food**, for exactly the same expression is found in Genesis 2:5.

Meat Eating Allowed to Shorten Man's Lifespan

The only change that God made to man’s diet was after the great flood, in the time of Noah. After the flood, in Genesis 9:1-4, God gave man permission to kill animals and to eat them for ordinary use in food. But why was this? Was it because meat contains special properties that are good and/or advantageous for use in man’s diet? No! **God deliberately allowed the human race to eat meat to shorten man’s lifespan:**

“After the flood the people ate largely of animal food. God saw that the ways of man were corrupt, and that he was disposed to exalt himself proudly against his Creator, and to follow the inclinations of his own heart. And **He permitted that long-lived race to eat animal food to shorten their sinful lives.** Soon after the flood the race began to rapidly decrease in size and in length of years...” *{Spiritual Gifts, Volume 4a, p. 121.2}*

“**After the fall, the eating of flesh was suffered in order to shorten the period of the existence of the long-lived race.** It was allowed because of the hardness of the hearts of men.” *{Spalding and Magan Collection, p. 46.2}*

“Meat-eating is doing its work, for **the meat is diseased.** We may not long be able to use even milk.” “**The mortality caused by meat-eating is not discerned.** If it were, we should hear no more arguments and excuses in favour of the indulgence of the appetite for **dead flesh.**” *{Spalding and Magan Collection, pp. 44.5; 47.2}*

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