

*"Go, set a watchman,  
Let him declare what he seeth."  
— Isaiah 21:6 —*

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God stopped me just as I  
was about to step on the track.

## God Guided Me

ROY GARRISON

WELL has it been said that truth is stranger than fiction, and especially so is it astoundingly and wonderfully true in the truth in the Works of God, as His Scriptures tell us that "With God all things are possible" (Matt. 19:26). And in many places of His Scripture God tells us He works wonderful things far beyond human understanding or comprehension to perform His miracles.

My changing from Sunday keeping to God's Sabbathkeeping was truly a miracle guidance of God and far beyond the limits of the human mind, and though it took place 40 years ago, it still remains powerfully imprinted in my memory.

I was brought up a very devout and strict Methodist in a small town and attended services four times on Sunday—morning services; Sunday School in the afternoon; Epworth League Service in the early evening, and then the evening service—also sometimes prayer meeting and other services, including revivals during the other days of the week.

When I went to work in New York City as a subway conductor, I transferred my membership to a Methodist Church there and continued my constant church attendance.

One evening after finishing my night's work on my train at 145th Street and Lenox Avenue, I closed the door from the outside and as it rolled away from that uptown platform on its way to the lay up yard, I, as usual, climbed down and started

running across the tracks toward the downtown side to put my lantern in my locker and board the soon-to-arrive downtown train for home.

There are close supporting columns on the inside of the subway tracks, and a person, when near these columns, cannot see through to either end of the tracks in the subway station till he gets through one of the openings between the columns and adjacent to the track. I was running very fast and the train I had just brought in was making the usual loud noise leaving the station. I was passing through the opening intent, as was my custom, of climbing up the opposite platform, and was about to step across the inner rail of the track when my whole fast-moving being involuntarily and instantly stopped, from no mental or physical action of my own, and it was as if I had come up against a solid wall of iron; at that instant the downtown train rushed by on the very rail I had fully and hurriedly intended to step on on my way to the platform. This was at the upper end of the platform and the train was coming very

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# Let's Analyze Romans 12:1

CHRIST KIESZ

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service."

How I would like to live just that way so that all the members of my body would be in service for God and for people. We are warned in Romans 6:12, 13: "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin; but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God."

It is believed that we have over 200 members in our body, and if we are able to use them all for the glory of God, our life is not lived in vain. Just consider how our body is unified—every member works for the other members (and if one suffers they all suffer).

In the Old and New Testaments the ministers walked to bring the gospel to the people. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation: that said unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" (Isa. 52:7). Yes, we need our feet to walk and to stand. How sad it is that some people have only one foot or leg, or none at all.

How about our hands? Psalm 119:48 tells us, "My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which

I have loved." And again in Psalm 134:2: "Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord." Paul admonishes us in 1 Timothy 2:8: "I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands." Is that asking too much?

Read Acts 5:12: "And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people." Yes, with our hands we can pay money to the needy, and also pay our tithes (or rather God's tithes). Yes, with our hands we can do many nice things; we can hug each other, we can support each other, we can lift up someone. In Isaiah 49:16 we read, "Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands" (and that's a safe place to be).

How about our hearts? The Bible tells us, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart" (Psa. 37:4). And again, "I delight to do thy will, O my God; yea, thy law is within my heart" (Psa. 40:8).

The Lord Jesus taught us (Matt. 5:8), "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." God offers to take the stony heart out of us and give us a new, clean heart, a willing

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# Abel Noble,

## Apostle of the Sabbath

**A**BEL NOBLE was known as the "Apostle of Sabbatarianism" in Pennsylvania. He influenced the lives of men who went on to careers of leadership, and he helped to found the Seventh Day Baptist churches in the Philadelphia area. A bold dispenser of Bible truth, Noble freely shared the seventh-day Sabbath and adult baptism by immersion.

In the late 1600's, the "city" of Philadelphia was a mere settlement of Quaker-owned cottages. William Penn had arrived to found the colony of Pennsylvania and what would one day be its largest community. Among the Quakers making their new home in Philadelphia there arose feuds and bickerings over religious doctrine.

"Does one contain within himself what is sufficient for salvation?" Among those who denied the doctrine of self-sufficiency was a man named George Keith. Rebellious, given to fighting, Keith led a rebel faction which threw itself into a total opposition to the orthodox Quaker teaching. Among the 48 rebels who followed Keith out of the orthodox Quakers in 1691 was Abel Noble. The dissenters called themselves Christian Quakers, but were known by others as "Keithians."

Noble's father had been a wealthy Quaker in England. Young Abel came over to America at the age of 19 and arrived in Philadelphia. That he settled on a large piece of land nearby indicates he already had some

money of his own. He was to become a man of financial wealth along with spiritual wealth: a powerful combination.

The most important new meeting established by the Keithians was the one that included Noble. The meetings were held in the home of Thomas Powell in Upper Providence, about 15 miles from Philadelphia. Except for this group, the Keithian movement pretty much died out. Keith himself left for England, abandoning the movement. The Upper Providence Meeting thrived on the efforts of Mr. Powell and Mr. Noble.

Despite his participation in the Keithian rebellion, Noble somehow remained in good standing with the Quakers. A year after the split, he married a Quaker, Mary Garrett, at Darby Meeting. Neither Mary, a Friend in good standing, nor Abel was disciplined by the Society, which indicates that Abel was officially considered a Quaker at the time. (Perhaps he shrewdly returned to the fold long enough to claim his bride and then rejoined the Keithians.)

About 1696, Abel Noble made an eventful business trip through New Jersey. While in the Cohansey area (near the present location of Shiloh, N. J.) he met the Rev. Thomas Killingsworth, a pioneer Baptist preacher in New Jersey. Killingsworth converted Noble to the Baptist doctrine and then baptized him.

How and through whom Noble

was converted to the Sabbath is an interesting puzzle, since various sources differ on the matter. Perhaps he met up with the Rev. Jonathan Davis, Sr., a Seventh Day Baptist minister preaching on Long Island.<sup>1</sup> Perhaps he met the Rev. William Gilettee in eastern New Jersey, and through the teachings of this Seventh Day Baptist accepted the Sabbath doctrine.<sup>2</sup> Could Noble have received the Sabbath news from the Seventh Day Baptists of Rhode Island, who were in communication with the colonists of Pennsylvania?<sup>3</sup> However the crucial conversion occurred, Noble became fervently convinced of the truth of the seventh-day Sabbath.

Full of his new conviction, he fervently began to preach the Sabbath among the Keithians. About the same time, the Upper Providence group, still meeting at Thomas Powell's house, felt their spiritual life to be stagnating. Noble met with them and infused a new zeal, leading a revival. They decided to follow strictly the teachings of the Bible. Noble pointed out this would include the Sabbath and baptism. Under his instruction and advice, these Keithian Christian Quakers embraced baptism of adult believers by immersion and the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath. Thus in the fall of 1697, the Upper Providence Seventh Day Baptism Church was formed with 19 charter members. The little band had come from the Friends, through the Keithian movement, to the distinction of being the second Seventh Day Baptism church in America.

During an extended revival the summer prior, Noble had baptized Thomas Martin, an outstanding preacher converted from the Quakers.

When the Upper Providence church was organized, Noble declined a call to the pastorate, but this cleared the way for Martin to become the first pastor of the church.

Abel Noble was among the men who preached to other Seventh Day Baptist churches that soon grew up in the Philadelphia area. These included churches at Pennepek, Nottingham, and French Creek. Though no record has been found to indicate that he was ever a member of any of these churches, he was a frequent visitor, stirring and instructing the people from the pulpit.

In 1798, a certain William Davis had become embroiled in a doctrinal controversy of the Pennepek Baptist Church of which he was pastor. Educated at Oxford, Davis had become a Quaker and was one of the original 48 Keithians of 1691. Five years later he had become a Baptist. Shortly after his doctrinal controversy at Pennepek, Davis was invited by Abel Noble to come to Upper Providence. While among the Sabbathkeepers there, William Davis seriously began to study the Sabbath question and soon came to accept the Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment. Davis returned to Pennepek and organized the Seventh Day Baptist church there.<sup>4</sup>

Noble made it a practice to preach the Sabbath, against opposition, from the steps of the Court House in Philadelphia. "Abel assisted in this work by Michael Wohlfarth and Comad Beissel, he proclaimed the neglected Sabbath in season and out of season, until the authorities drove him away or the crowd pelted him out of town."<sup>5</sup>

Noble frequently visited the French Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church,

and would extend his visits to his old German friends, Beissel and Wohlfarth. These two in turn attended the services of the French Creek church. This contact with Noble and the church strengthened the two men in their correctness of the Sabbath. "The result was that Beissel and Wohlfarth eventually became the apostles of Sabbatarianism among the German-speaking population"<sup>6</sup> in the area.

In 1728, Noble and other Sabbathkeepers worked with and supported Beissel as he established a German Seventh Day Baptist church in Conestoga, Pennsylvania. Moreover, Noble had communication with Johannes Kelpius, leader of the German pietists of Pennsylvania from 1694 to 1706, and frequently visited this group. These Germans were Sabbathkeepers, though not Seventh Day Baptists. The Swedish Lutheran pastor Auren also observed the Sabbath in Pennsylvania at this time. Abel Noble also was "a missionary to the Indians to whom he preached the gospel of Christ and taught the doctrine of the Sabbath" at the same spot where the Ephrata German Seventh Day Baptist Community or Cloisters was later founded.<sup>7</sup>

The Seventh Day Baptist churches of the Philadelphia area adopted a practice already established among the Rhode Island churches, that of holding yearly meetings. At the yearly meeting of 1745, held at French Creek Abel Noble and a Lewis Williams performed a service of ordination. The ordained was Jonathan Dunham of Piscataway, New Jersey (near the present city of Plainfield), a son of Edmund Dunham, the founder of the Piscataway Seventh Day Baptist Church. Noble was about eighty years

old at the time. Thus, as he and other readers of his generation began to fade from the scene, younger men like Jonathan Dunham moved into positions of leadership and responsibility.

The last that was heard of Noble was that he was teaching school in Yonkers, New York. This was in 1752, at the age of 87. He had served his God as the father of the Philadelphia movement, one of the three original centers of Seventh Day Baptists in America. The churches of the Philadelphia area died out in a matter of years. Yet men and women moved on from these churches to other parts of the country and rendered valuable service to other still-thriving Seventh Day Baptist churches. In this sense the Philadelphia movement and Abel Noble's efforts have yielded lasting fruit, in addition to the wealth of good accomplished in its own time.

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<sup>1</sup>Green, Charles H., *The Keithians*. An unpublished manuscript at the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society, Plainfield, N. J.

<sup>2</sup>*Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America* (Plainfield, N. J., American Sabbath Tract Society, 1910) Vol. 1, p. 125.

<sup>3</sup>*Ibid.*, p. 676.

<sup>4</sup>For a study of the life and influence of William Davis, see Randolph, Corliss F., *History of Seventh Day Baptists in West Virginia* (c. 1905, Corliss F., Randolph, Plainfield, N. J.) chapter 1.

<sup>5</sup>Greene *Op. cit.*

<sup>6</sup>Sachse, J. F., *German Sectarians of Pennsylvania* (1708-1742), (Philadelphia; 1899), p. 122.

<sup>7</sup>*Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America*, vol. II, p. 951.

—From *The Helping Hand*

# The Defiled Earth

W. A. BOND

"The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant" (Isa. 24:5).

This ancient (but up-to-date) verse has been quoted by others in relation to the present-day awareness of a serious problem of environmental pollution. Rather than re-hash what I have read from others, I want to point out a connection between the result (the defilement of the earth) and the cause, as stated by Isaiah. For there is little profit in lamenting the result while ignoring or contributing to the cause.

No honest observer can deny the fact that "the earth is defiled under the inhabitants thereof." But who has given full attention to Isaiah's "because" that follows? What have men done to bring about this defilement?

First of all, they have transgressed God's laws. What laws? Well, natural laws obviously. Men misuse and abuse the very elements and resources God gave to be a blessing. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." We manufacture poisons by the ton, and wonder why our streams and lands yield poisoned food. We have ignored God's natural laws.

To probe more deeply, we ask, "Why has man broken these laws of nature?" The answer lies in the realm of moral law. Man is basically selfish and greedy. This desire for material gain has been the motive for most

of man's inventions and our so-called civilized "progress." This selfishness is violation of God's laws to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." Breaking of natural law is closely linked with breaking of God's moral law.

Now let's note again God's word through Isaiah, "because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." Specifically, to what laws does this apply? Can it be the fourth of the Ten Commandments? Let's consider a few facts. Of the Ten Commandments, only the Sabbath command is commonly said to have been done away. Most professing Christians feel it is wrong to transgress any of the other nine—but not the fourth. "The Sabbath is done away in this age of grace," they tell us. They have not merely broken this law, they have *rejected it*.

Of these ten laws, only the fourth is an ordinance to be observed. And we note that in practice most church folk have not utterly abandoned it, but have sought to change it—to the first day of the week—the ancient day of pagan sun worship. And we know that the Sabbath was also God's everlasting covenant—and men have broken it!

There is another connection between earth's defilement and Sabbath desecration. There are those who claim that Sabbathkeeping is not  
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EXCERPTS  
FROM

## Letters . . .

Conducted by Terril D. Littrell

I would like some booklets or literature concerning the seventh-day Sabbath. I need facts down on paper to show people around here.

—D. W.,  
Tennessee

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Please find a check . . . to cover my dues for another year with the Bible Sabbath Association, as I would not want my membership to expire.

—Missionary Ruth Page,  
Missouri

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Thank you for publishing such an informative little magazine as THE SABBATH SENTINEL. I was reared in and have been faithful to my church and its teachings through the years, but I believe that the Sabbath that you represent is scriptural.

—B. K.,  
Connecticut

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It was Larry Hadden from New Auburn, Wis., who first told me about the Bible Sabbath Association. I had never heard of such an association, although I had been a Sabbathkeeper for several years.

Elder Hadden got me started on your bumper stickers, now I intend

to go right on using them and your tracts in evangelism. Would you please send me about two hundred of the tract *Search the Scriptures?* I don't want to keep this good news to myself; I want the whole world to know about God's wonderful holy day.

—Wm. A. Conley,  
Wisconsin

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I appreciate the work of the Bible Sabbath Association. I found the recent material that I ordered very good, and I wish to obtain more literature on the seventh-day Sabbath and the Law of God. Thanks for the good tract on *Questions for Seventh Dayists*. You have answered them well. When I was just new in this faith several years back I was given some literature opposing the Sabbath. If I would have had your tract then it would have made matters much easier for me to answer. . . .

—Elliott Wood,  
Canada

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Enclosed please find — for my membership dues with the B.S.A. It has been 15 years now since I stepped out for the Sabbath truth.

—Elder George L. Cravens,  
Ohio,

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A minister friend of mine told me of your wonderful Bible Sabbath Association, and I praise the Lord for the day that he did. Please find enclosed a check to cover my membership dues. I don't want to miss out on a good thing. . . .

—J. B.,  
Texas

From the *Encyclopedia of Associations* we have found that you are publishing THE SABBATH SENTINEL.

We believe that your publications will help our students very much in their search for information. We, therefore, would like to request that you send us free copies for our library. . . .

—Union College Librarian,  
Philippines

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It was a long slow process, but I was finally led out of Sunday keeping. . . . I want others to enjoy the same joy in keeping the true Sabbath that I now experience. . . .

I wish to become an active member of the Bible Sabbath Association.

Enclosed find a check to cover the price of tracts, calendar, bumper sticker, and membership dues for one year.

—W.A.C.,  
Minnesota

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I am wondering if you have any more calendars at this time of the year. If so please send me \$5 worth, as I ran out of them some time ago. I have reached several people with the Sabbath truth with these calendars. . . .

Please send me the following tracts . . . I always send them out through the mail.

—R.H.V.,  
Mississippi

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Enclosed is — for my annual membership dues and subscriptions to THE SABBATH SENTINEL. I must

say that the SENTINEL is getting better every month. Keep up the fine work.

—A. W. B.,  
New York

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Our department is seeking to broaden the understanding and communication of our student body. One of the most successful ways to do this is through the media of the printed word. We believe your publication will be used, and used to great advantage by our students.

If you can see your way clear to add our name to your free complimentary mailing list, we will appreciate it. We assure you the publication will be read.

—Miss I. R. M.,  
—State University  
North Carolina

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## THE SEAL

God's day begins in the evening.

From creation it was that way.  
Who dared defy His holy word  
And change the rightful day?

Jesus came to fulfil the law,  
Not to abolish it away.  
He said to obey the commands  
Till heaven and earth pass away.

One day hallowed above the rest,  
A sign of a covenant with Him.  
Who turns from God's authority  
And plays greater homage to men?

Numbered now by earthly powers,  
And blinded by their piety,  
Who can see the image of the beast  
In the great new society?

E. A., Sabbathkeeper  
Elizabethtown, Ky.

# J. C. Penney Ad Preaches

## **OPEN SUNDAY.**

**For families  
who have  
better things  
to do on  
Saturday.**

**These  
Penney stores  
will be open  
Sunday  
12 to 5 P.M.**

- CINDRELLA CITY
- NORTHGLENN
- VILLA ITALIA

**JCPenney**

The values are here every day.

Mr. J. C. Penney, though a Sunday observer, was a devout Christian and a good example of one's putting his faith into practice in business.

This ad, from a Denver, Colo., *Post* last month, preached a Sabbath sermon, we thought. If more families observed the Sabbath of God, they would "have better things to do on Saturday" than to shop.



# KEEPING POSTED

## **Ohio Woman Leads Drive for School Prayers**

Another drive to permit prayers in public schools is being led by an Ohio woman whose children asked why prayers are forbidden in schools while Congress is opened every day with prayer. A bill to amend the U.S. Constitution has been in the House Judiciary Committee since the mid-1960's. Although a discharge petition is in circulation to take it away from the committee and send it to the House for a vote, Judiciary Committee chairman Emanuel Celler of New York is urging house members not to sign it. He says nothing new can be developed by holding further hearings.

## **Gideons Give Away 100 Millionth Bible**

The 100 millionth Gideon Bible was placed last August in the hand of President Nixon. F. C. Aldridge, Gideon president, says it took 22 years to place the first million Bibles, but today they are given out at the rate of one million every 46 days. In 1970 a record of 7.8 million Scriptures were distributed around the world, with more than half going overseas. Aldridge told delegates at the annual convention in Montreal

that contributions are also on the rise. Figures for 1970 shows a 12½ per cent increase over 1969, and he expressed hope that gifts will top \$1 million in 1972.

## **Estes Is on "God's Side"**

Billie Sol Estes, imprisoned six years ago after conviction for shady business deals with the federal government, recently left La Tuna Prison on parole. His comment: "I don't have hate in my heart for anybody. I am not on anyone's side any more except God's."

## **Construction Workers Pause on Sabbath Morning**

Residents who managed to escape a recent tenement house fire in Boston, Mass. were helped by the Seventh-day Adventist Church across the street, which provided them temporary shelter. A few days later, on Sabbath, a wrecking company began razing the walls of the burned-out building. A crane was loading trucks with debris, and the trucks were noisily hauling it off. The resulting din made the carrying on of Sabbath School in the church almost impossible.

But something happened. When the

church service began, all of the noisy activity stopped. For an hour, while the service was in progress, the workers sat quietly in their crane or truck cabs, with motors silent. The work proceeded as the congregation streamed from the church.

### **Youth Deployed to Battle Drugs**

Seventh-day Adventists in Brazil placed 80,000 young people at the disposal of the Brazilian Government, according to a report received at the General Conference headquarters in Washington, D. C.

The youth will join with Minister of Education Jarbas Passarinho in a battle against narcotics.

Enoch de Oliveira, secretary of the South American Division, said that the assignment came in response to a request made by Passarinho, who had expressed to church officials the concern of the government over increasing addiction to drugs and alcoholism in Brazil.

The government has mounted a campaign against these vices, said Oliveira. Adventist young people will conduct a program of education aimed at alerting other youth as to the ill effects of drugs. The program includes lectures, films, exhibits, special conferences or rallies, and one-to-one communication.

This is the first such church-government cooperative program attempted by Adventists.

### **Newlyweds Give Up Honeymoon to Bring Others to Christ**

Nearly every girl looks forward to the day she will be married and to the subsequent honeymoon. Young men

also consider this an event of a lifetime. Both plan and save for this happy event.

Such was the case for a young Florida couple who were married July 4. Their plans included a honeymoon in Hawaii, something many people would not pass up after planning for it.

But both learned of the urgent financial need of the Wayout program which is so effectively reaching today's youth. Although they were not together at the time, both felt compelled to forgo the honeymoon in order to contribute to this important youth evangelistic outreach.

When they talked over the matter, they decided to send the money, a check for \$1,000, to the Voice of Prophecy for the Wayout Youth Outreach.

In her letter to the Voice of Prophecy, the young bride wrote, "Isn't our heavenly Father wonderful? It's such a thrill to have this opportunity to serve the Lord. The idea of introducing ten young people to Christ is much more exciting than a trip to Hawaii." Actually 200 youth can be carried through the entire Wayout program through the donation.

We urge you to send any items of particular interest to Sabbathkeepers that you find. Clip them, write the name of the publication and date with your name, and send them—preferably by airmail—to the editorial office.

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Are you a member of the Bible Sabbath Association? See page 2 for details of how to join.

# *Echoes From Eden News*

Dear Brethren:

We recently made a trip to the Clarksville, Ark, area—provided counseling, answered a lot of questions, and then baptized four precious souls as a result of our radio work in that area. We had previously had to cancel our broadcast over that local station.

I am asking you, God's people, to PRAY, and to GIVE, so we are able to resume in the Clarksville area, as well as other needy areas.

We have also been offered time on XEG—15 minutes nightly, six nights a week—for only \$200 per month. We have notified them of our acceptance of this time strip.

We can start; but YOU, God's people, will have to get behind this radio work with increased vigor, and greatly increased liberality, if we are to continue.

Brethren, Jesus is coming soon. What we must do, we must do quickly. The time for waiting for someone else to do it is past. We've all got to get busy as never before. Work until we are good and tired, and GIVE till it hurts. [Editor's note: Why not go beyond that? Why not give until it makes you feel good inside?] We can do better; we must do better; WE'VE GOT TO DO BETTER.

If you or your local church would like to sponsor a broadcast in your area write me: Bob Rogers, Hocomo, Mo. 65691.

Brethren, I am asking God to put "Echoes From Eden" on 50, YES FIFTY, radio stations by the end of

this year. God can do it. But His way of doing things is to provide the means for His people to do it. If you are not able to help, I am asking you to pray God to make you able to help; and then get behind His work when He makes you able.

Brethren, the world is perishing. "When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; BUT HIS BLOOD WILL I REQUIRE AT THINE HAND" (Ezek. 33:8). So many of us are asleep at the switch. How will you account to God when you spend HIS money for things you don't really need, and the people in your community are dying without the gospel? It is something to think about, brethren.

But just thinking about it won't get the JOB done. THINK, PRAY, and then GIVE. So many of God's people are not even giving Him His tithes, WHICH IS HIS TO START WITH, NOT YOURS, to say nothing of TITHES AND OFFERINGS WHICH GOD COMMANDS (Mal. 3:8-11).

What will it mean to you, if someone your tithes and offerings could have reached, DIES WITHOUT GOD?

No, I am not begging for money. I am just telling you what God says. Brethren, let us be about our Father's business.

Bob Rogers, radio director.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Isn't it strange (or is it?) that Sunday keepers, for the most part, observe what they believe is the Sabbath, from Saturday midnight till Sunday midnight, whereas the true Sabbathkeepers observe the divine time, from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset, or the seventh day.

I wonder if the former group from which we true Sabbath believers have been delivered are more loose in their remembrance of the Sabbath because of the wrong hours as well as the wrong day? Have we ever thought about this?

And there seems to be only one large denomination (Presbyterian) that refers to Sunday as the Sabbath,

and even they are slipping away from it, so we see notices on outdoor church boards as follows: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; or Church School, 10:00 a.m.; The Service, 11 a.m.

Some congregations say "Bible School," but use Sunday School quarters for the so-called study instead of the Scriptures.

Satan, the slanderer and deceiver, truly has blinded the eyes of Yahweh's people as his ministers pose as "minister of light." Please read 2 Corinthians 11:13-15.

Let us pray for the day when the Holy Spirit of our Living God will "open the eyes of the blind and unstop the deaf ears" that all may see and hear, and then WALK in His way of truth. Amen.

—Warren M. Ziegler

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Speaker on this program is Bob Rogers, Elder and Sister Harvey Otto are doing follow-up work in Phoenix, Ariz. Please pray each day for this ministry.

A Note  
from  
the Editor



## Well-Spent Sabbath

YESTERDAY was the Sabbath, and by the time it was over, my wife and I were tired, for we had been busy all afternoon.

Busy on the Sabbath? Yes, and yet we felt that it was one of the most blessed ones that we had ever experienced.

We thought of the many Sabbaths that we had taken the command to "rest" quite literally; after a good meal, we had lain down, perhaps to read, but after a few paragraphs the words would begin to melt into one another and before we knew it, we were waking up just in time to watch the close of the Sabbath. On these occasions we usually had a guilty feeling and the disturbing idea that we had been missing something worthwhile.

But, as I mentioned, yesterday was different. After our dinner, we felt it would be good to see some church members whom we don't ordinarily visit. We had done this the week before and enjoyed it. We visited in three homes, and felt that—though the visits were unannounced—we were welcome in all of them. In two of the homes we had prayer. To our chagrin, we must admit that we forgot it in

the first home. Christian visiting is so unusual that we do not always remember all of the procedure, it seems.

We have the distinct impression that visiting among Christians is a thing of the past, and that is regrettable. We remembered our own experience once when we were members of a large church, with five ministers, for four years. During this time we had only one visit from any of the ministers, though we did have a pretty good number of visits from fellow church members. Occasionally, when we had invited a foreign student to our home, he was delighted that someone showed some interest in him.

Why are some churches not growing? Why are some members going out of the back door faster than new ones are coming in the front door? Could it be that we are becoming so wrapped up in the "important" things of life (such as TV, a moonlighting job, or such) we no longer have time for visiting and encouraging one another?

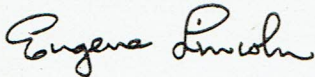
When I was a member of the Marion, Ind., Seventh-day Adventist Church several years ago, the minister instituted a systematic program by which every member would be visited at least once a month by him, an elder, or a deacon. As I remember, this was the time of that church's greatest number of members in its history. I believe there is correlation there.

Looking up the word *visit* in a concordance gave me some more insight; it seems that most of the times the word is used in the Bible, the Lord is the one who is doing the visiting. Then it would seem that visiting would help make one more like the Lord, especially in view of Matthew 25:34-36 and James 1:27.



We Sabbathkeepers all can have a Sabbath afternoon that will bless us and others by visiting those who need encouragement and those who perhaps do not have many visitors and fellowship with them. It will strengthen us and them.

Yes, yesterday was a busy Sabbath, but it did something for us. We plan to spend many more like it during the weeks ahead.



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## GOD GUIDED ME

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fast. It would have been instant death had it not been for the Lord's power.

Several days later I was talking to the elderly Seventh-day Adventist landlady of the rooming house where a college student and I had a room together. We had previously talked several times about Bible subjects, including the Adventist principles as stated in the Scriptures, such as the Sabbath, and I had seen many Biblical truths of proof of the unchangeable eternal state of the Sabbath; yet like so many others I found tradition, custom, and convenience desired and seemingly excusable barriers from accepting and following the Sabbath.

This time the conversation again turned to the subject of the Sabbath. I said, "Well, my father and those before him kept Sunday, and I figure I should keep Sunday also," then at the finish of my sentence I involuntarily, without any mental or instinctive action of my own doing—the same Power of God which a few days before had caused me involuntarily to cease all physical action

at the subway tracks to save my life—walked over to the table about five feet away, upon which a Bible lay, and opened it. In the same involuntary action I read the first words my eyes came upon. They were: "Be ye not as your fathers" and ended with "But my words and my statutes" (Zech. 1:4-6).

As I finished reading, the landlady said, "Just look, the Lord is guiding and speaking to you." The same realization had come to me as I read God's Scriptures telling me to follow God's words and way and not man's words and way. I fully agreed with the landlady that it truly was the guidance of the Lord. And then, with open mind in Bible research, I came upon much more irrefutable proof that God, God's prophets, Christ and Christ's apostles kept the Sabbath and that God's Scriptures command all people to keep the Sabbath and that it will be kept eternally in God's paradise (Isa. 66:23). I was amazed that I could have possibly believed otherwise, and wondered then—as now—why all people who read God Scriptures do not keep the Sabbath so commanded and stressed therein. But God's Scriptures tell that Satan from Eden on continually tries to keep people from following God's Commandments in Christ to obtain a better life on earth, and in endless eternity the perfect life; yet many people allow Satan to do so.

Since that time 40 years ago, God many times has caused unexpected and sometimes unusual, changes to take place in my plans which seemed not as good or against my original plans but which turned out far better, and especially so when it was in putting forth God's words of salvation to

guide people from this fallen world into the eternal and perfect life—truly proving, as God's Word tells us, that "all things work together for good to them who love God" (Rom. 8:28). Yet I do not remember ever again having experienced—nor remember the need—of that specific kind of God's power which caused the involuntary cessation of all mental and physical action to keep me from stepping onto the subway track and sure death, and the involuntary motivation of walking to the table and opening the Bible and reading His message regarding His Commandment to keep His Sabbath.

Truly does God say, "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23), and to those who keep His Commandments in Christ: "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps" (Prov. 16:9), and to "Trust the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5, 6). "Lo, I am with you alway" (Matt. 28:20).

Editor's Note: Roy Garrison, a long-time Bible Sabbath Association member, is a seaman whose duty takes him to far places of the world. Wherever he goes, he hands out Scripture portions and tracts, sometimes putting them into bottles and throwing the bottles overboard. Several inquiries have resulted from people who have found the bottles.

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## LET'S ANALYZE ROMANS 12:1

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heart so that we can live in peace and righteousness.

Can we pray as David did? "Purge

me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. . . . Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (Psa. 51:7, 10). David sings, "Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts" (Psa. 125:4). "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds" (Psa. 147:3). "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:10). "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul" (Acts 4:32).

That's just what it takes in order to be successful in life.

Just consider how nice the human body works together. The eyes read the notes in the songbooks, and the mind sends the message to the fingers. The fingers then strike the right keys and the feet make the tone loud and soft. The ears listen how harmonious the music is; not only that, but the whole congregation sings along and their hearts receive the blessings of the Lord.

Sometimes our musicians play with four hands, and even with six hands, and O how wonderful it sounds!

Just remember what three minds, six hands and six feet, and 30 fingers can do, all because the harmony in the body and in the church and in the mind.

Another point I would like to bring: We get into a car and use our eyes to watch the road, feet to feed and brake the car, and hands to hold the steering wheel.

With our ears we listen to the gospel, and with our hearts (or in our hearts) we receive the blessing of the preaching, and then we pro-

duce the fruits to our friends with whom we come in contact; and by doing this we let our light shine and have fellowship with the people, as it says in 1 John 1:7: "If we walk in the light, as he [Jesus] is in the light, then we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Our bodies have the qualifications to bring the spiritual fruit described in Galatians 5:22 23: "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

May God make this article a blessing to all of you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Editor's Note: This article was written shortly before Brother Kiesz' death.

The announcements will return next month.

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## THE DEFILED EARTH

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practical in our age of industrialization. Steel mills must run 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Commerce is not geared for a Sabbath break. Yet it is this very Sabbath-ignoring commerce that is polluting our earth! Our greed cannot tolerate any pause from this selfish quest for material gain.

The Sabbath stands as a memorial that God created this earth, and that it all belongs to Him. We are stewards, not owners. Honoring God's Sabbath can prevent the defilement of man himself, and it is because man is defiled that man defiles the earth. Not that the Sabbath can cleanse unregenerate sinners! Only the blood of Christ can do that! But spiritual Sabbathism can be one means of grace for one who has come to Jesus for salvation.

—From *The Vision*

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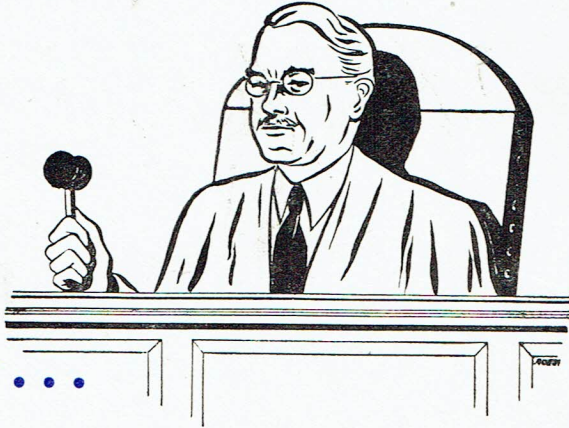
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