

Sick, Sorry, & Sad

BETWEEN THE PORCH AND THE ALTAR

Will they never get tired of picking the 'Platform of Truth' apart?

I am sick, sorry and sad that Satan ever attacks truth so *subtly* /no that is not a good word/ let's say blatantly and yet with out the blinking of an eye on the part of so many members!?!?

CASE 1: We receive the Journal of Pacific Union College called "Viewpoint" four times a year. Thursday the Fall 2007 issue arrived in our mail box.

Not being from PUC, I didn't pay it much attention, but my wife sat down to scan it through. She was reading of the address given at the Spring Graduation (2007).

DO THE FOLLOWING WORDS MATTER?

OR SHALL WE JUST SMILE AND GO ON OUR WAY?

CAN WE SEE THE RED FLAG OF REVOLT AND REVOLUTION?

OR SHALL WE JUST SMILE AND GO ON OUR WAY?

Here is what was printed on page 12:

"Whatever our dream might be, it must be a dream that is bigger than our own selves - to use our gifts and accomplishments also as a mean of compassion.

I also pray that our young alumni will dream big toward transforming Adventism. **(No mention of following God's directions as given in Authentic Scripture and Spirit of Prophecy)**

Down the road, they may feel that *they have no need for the church.* And they may be right. **(What a tragedy that graduates have been disappointed by the leadership of the church and feel no need)**

But their church desperately needs them - - *just the way they are.* **(No need for a converted heart or commitment to following Christ in the straight and narrow way. . .)**

We need them to challenge some of the lifeless, rigid, calcified remains of the past that they see in our church. **(So now, Christ's living, vibrant, church militant is likened unto DEAD! If doctrines and beliefs of times gone by are 'lifeless, rigid, calcified' it is only in hearts that has chosen to reject The Truth.)**

We need them to help us grow into a community that can be *meaningful, relevant, transformative in the world.* **(No mention of Christ or of His power to transform an individual into the His likeness)**

The Adventism that some of them see and despise doesn't have to be the Adventism of the future. This is a growing, changing, expanding, progressive church that is waiting to be shaped by them." **(The church needs to be shaped -transformed- by the Heavenly Father in His way - - not by a group of young graduates with multitudes of ideas, often in opposition to Council already given)**

CASE 2: A slick sided brochure from It Is Written was inserted into 10-20-2007 Church Bulletin:

MULTITUDES

Inspiration and Education for Reaching Your City for Christ

Inside the cover Speaker/Director Shawn Boonstra says "We are excited to introduce you to Joe Cirigliano, It Is Written's evangelistic coordinator for North American. . .

At the bottom of the page Joe Cirigliano's credentials are paraded thus:

"Joe Cirigliano has conducted dozens of metro area evangelistic meetings and revivals from coast to coast. In the last ten years he has served the Seventh Day Adventist Church as a senior pastor, associate pastor, Bible worker, and lay pastoral assistant. His humor, enthusiasm, and conviction have made him a very popular speaker and trainer for camp meetings, week of prayers and conventions. **(Humor and popularity are not what God values. Instead does Joe preach Present Truth from Authentic Scripture which equals "What saith the Lord.?)"**

Following his completion of the Billy Graham School of Evangelism in his native New York City, Joe's revival preaching and evangelism preparation methods were part of a feature in Decision [**A Billy Graham monthly publication**] magazine. He also received a special invitation to join the exclusive Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's Emerging Evangelist's Program of only 22. **(Will a person immersed in Billy Graham philosophies and methods be using God's tried and true methods found in the book Evangelism by Ellen G. White?)**

A graduate of Andrews University Theological Seminary he will also be continuing his education through Yale and Harvard Divinity School. **(Does attendance at these institutions solidify or weaken faith in Authentic Scripture, Spirit of Prophecy, and basic foundational Adventism?)**

Near Joe Cirigliano's picture it indicates that he has the degree M.Div.
(Master of Divinity Degree)

(In all of this wording, have we been pointed to THE Man, Christ Jesus, or to A man?)

Joel 2:17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

Jeremiah 5:31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?