

# EVOLUTION OR CREATION!

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Father, Bless your Word as we have opened it. In Christ's name Amen.

I thought of the text in Revelation chapter 2, where it says in verse 4, "Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou has left thy first love."

And that thought hit my mind, because I wondered that if God asked the question that He first asked Adam, "Where are you? Where art thou? Since the last time we've communicated, where are you now?"

And if I ask that same question, since the last time we were together, Where are you spiritually? Have you lost your first love, have you excelled spiritually since that point or are you into a position where you are saying, "Wow, Praise the Lord, we're coming into a crusade again, and I can excel. I can go forward again" Have you backslidden? Were there commitments? Did you cut something off and now all of a sudden you have it back on? Did you cut something out and all of a sudden it's back on the plate?

You see, brothers and sisters, we are in a serious spiritual war. A serious spiritual war. And as you know, the ones that endure unto the end are the ones that are going to make it. It's interesting, but people are moving from the country, back into the city. They were so afraid of what would take place, they ran out. But then others who were anxiously looking for country land because the prophet said 'get out there' have become relaxed. Our church has become relaxed. Other churches who were saying, 'something is about to take place, Jesus is about to come, the millennium is hitting,' and there was an excitement in the air like never before, but now everybody's at Peace, brothers and sisters. And it's almost as though Jesus has just stopped everything to see who will endure until the end. Who will continue to follow my plan?

And a lot of us have become relaxed in our living; which means that we are empowering the enemy to defeat us; because we have not walked in the light that God has given us. Which means that we are now going to have to prepare for the marathon, while running the marathon. In other words, our prophet says that we would not be judged by what we once were or what now are; but we will be judged by what we would have been had we not gone backward, but had continued to go onward and onward with the light that God has given us. That is what we are going to be judged by.

And according to that, where are you? Where are you? And if we believe that the enemy is going to sit back idle, and allow us to come and make the type of impact that God desires for the world, we're deceived, brothers and sisters. We're really deceived. All the door knocking, all the literature, all the prayers will be in vain if we don't walk in the light.

That first quotation is something that I think everyone should read every morning. Just put it somewhere where you could see it. Let's read it together, "Satan well knows that all he can lead to neglect prayer and the searching of scriptures will be overcome by his attacks." So

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where are you? Here's the question, Where are you? Are you searching the scriptures every day faithfully? Are you seriously praying? Let's go back to basics.

Remember how the disciples did it? "Have ye received the Holy Spirit?" "No, we have not." And what did they do? Did they preach for six weeks? No! They said, bow down, let's pray. They would pray the Holy Spirit to come on those who believed. And when the Spirit would come, the mind would be opened to receive everything else. But if we don't have the Spirit, how can we pray the Spirit for someone else?

And the devil knows that if he could get you caught up in what the "Lakers" are doing. It's not important what they are doing, brothers and sisters. Do you want me to tell you what they are doing? They are learning more and more about Buddha! They're giving their credit to meditation. And so when you're watching them what god are you serving?

Where are you? Where are you, brothers and sisters? Is Satan winning with you? Is he causing you to neglect prayer; to neglect personal study?

So what does he do? She says that he is not content with dealing with the old, she says in this particular quotation "Therefore he invents every possible device to engross the mind."

He is constantly thinking about you! Constantly! Inventing things that will take your mind off of God. And it's time, brothers and sisters, that we, not like Adam, hide somewhere making excuses, but it's time that we come out of our hiding and acknowledge, Lord, the light is gone! And I need to have a fresh, new walk with You right now; Not at the end of the sermon when there's an appeal, but right now. I need to make some commitments right now, so the Spirit can effectively communicate to me.

Do you want a barometer? To see whether you're like Jesus? Read the next quotation and tell me if you are like Jesus.

"If we love Jesus we shall love to live for Him." Someone loving to live for Him doesn't neglect study and prayer. "To present our thank offerings to Him." We will love to give to Him, "to labor for Him. The very labor will be light."

"For His sake, we shall covet pain, toil and sacrifice. We shall sympathize with His longing for the salvation of man. We shall feel the same tender cravings for souls that He has felt ..." And then it goes on to say this in Christ's Object Lessons, "This is the religion of Christ, anything short of it is a deception."

If we don't love to work for souls and love to suffer for Christ's sake, we're deceived. We're deceived, brothers and sisters. And it's time to come home. It's time!

You're going to have to have a faith where you can stand alone, brothers and sisters. I'm telling you, we are in trouble as the people of God, because we keep backsliding. Two steps forward; two steps backward; Two forward, two backward. Oh! What would God do if we stopped going backwards? So let's pray again:

"Lord, What is in my life that would stop me from excelling? Am I watching stuff that I committed to shut down before? The Pastor hasn't told me anything about you. According to the reports that the Pastor gave, you're ready for translation. Because it's positive; it's just a

good report always. I mean, what other church if somebody gets sick, members will go clean up and cook? I mean LOVE! But brothers and sisters, we have to be more than nice; we have to be HOLY, Amen? We have to be holy.

Let's make some commitments. Have I been faithful in my tithing? Some basic commitments; have I been faithful in my offerings? Have I been faithful in trying to plan to place my life in an environment where God want it? Am I listening to things that I know God is not approving of? Am I in a relationship that I know God does not approve of? Am I eating things that I once had victory over, that now I just carelessly do it? Am I gossiping again? Have I gone backwards? Or have I gone forward? Have I gone forward?

Let's begin now, making a commitment.

"Lord, forgive me for being unfaithful in my giving. Forgive me for being unfaithful in my family devotion. . Forgive me for being unfaithful in my family devotion. Forgive me for being unfaithful as a man (or woman) in my home where my family cannot see the image of God being stamped upon me.

Have you been a leader? Men, have we been loving our wives? You see, this is all the things that we committed to last time, remember? We made these commitments. We said, Lord, I'm going to do it. And today I'm going to talk about how to keep doing it so we don't have to go backwards, Amen?

Let's make some commitments. Cut those cables back off, Amen? Get those videos back out, Amen? We're going to win, brothers and sisters. Just a few silent moments in prayer.

Father in heaven, forgive us for our sins, Lord, and I guess Lord, the greatest sin that we want to confess today is the sin of unbelief. We really don't believe that we can be lost. We really don't believe that holiness is important. And so we can casually come in and we can go through all the motions, and Lord it is not everybody. I believe, and I thank You for those who have been abiding in You and actually living up to all and moving forward in light. But the majority of us, Lord, can come in and go through the whole worship service with sins that we know we are going to continue to participate in. And this is what we want freedom from, Lord, We want to be delivered from the chains of darkness; we want to be like Jesus. Please, help us to regain our footing, please explain your scriptures to us today. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Thank you for hearing our prayer, Lord; and thank-you for desiring to answer that prayer. Thank you for what Jesus Christ has done for each one of us. And now Lord, unto Him that is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless; Lord help us believe that! Help us Lord. In Jesus name we pray, Amen!

Over the course of the past few days in Los Angeles, there is always breaking news. One little three year old girl, they had to place in custody of the state because they found that someone had been abusing her in a way that only an adult, married woman should be handled. Her twin sister, they claim has been kidnapped but the police don't believe it; family members don't believe it. They believe that the abuse became out of hand and now this precious child is killed and tucked away somewhere.

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Two gang-bangers, wanted to retaliate because the police had a raid on gang-bangers one day. And out of no-where they just started kicking in doors of all the known gang-bangers and taking their guns from them; arresting them and taking them to jail. Well they said OK; they called the police to a nice neighborhood, as though it were some type of family dispute. When the police pulled up, they shot and killed one and critically wounded another.

Another man, young boys drove by with an UZI, this is just this week, some of it in the same day! And they are not reporting everything. The world is sick, brothers and sisters. It's sick. Driving up with an UZI and just shooting; where an innocent baby who doesn't even know how to say anything but MAMA, had just said 'MAMA' the lady said, "My baby just said Mama, when it was killed by a stray bullet." These kids, it didn't matter. And then we look and we see the corruption in the world and I believe it's our fault as Christians.

I don't believe that it is anyone's fault but ours because where Christ is presented, it changes lives, brothers and sisters, but if we casually go to the grocery store and we stand in line with our goods, and the line could be long, and we can actually stand in that line for five minutes, six, seven minutes; With a person in front of us, someone behind us and not even think of their salvation. And this is the person who gets fed up and goes home and kills his whole family and then kills himself.

But the church is sick, brothers and sisters. And I always grew up hearing the term, the remnant of the remnant. Have you ever heard of that? And so because of that statement by the way, I haven't found it in the Spirit of Prophecy and if you find it, let me see it; I've never seen where there was a remnant of the remnant. And that kind of makes sense, because if you think about it, the remnant, we always tell people, is the final bolt on the cloth, right? The remnant is that last little piece of whatever this fabric was made up of and it's exactly like the original, right? And so we look in the church and we see 8 million dollars disappear according to Los Angeles Times, and nobody says anything, it just gets quiet. No one's fired, just move them around.

Adultery that is blatant and you move them, and it happens again and you move them. Sabbath-school teachers molesting children. Hospitals that claim to be the remnant hospital giving more abortions than the hospitals that we call the Anti-Christ. Can't even get an abortion in the Anti-Christ hospital but you're given a choice. And you say remnant of the remnant because HOW CAN THIS BE GOD'S? How can this be God's true church?

When the schools have, not only pumpkins up celebrating Halloween, but there are drugs on campus and people know its drugs. As a matter of fact, one academy had a Jazz Concert; and they only let the children dance, you have to give them credit, because they only let them dance during the last song. They didn't let them dance during the rest. But they let them dance during the last song because they felt we need to understand balance. And I'm paying for this, and the letterhead that I'm getting reminding me of my bill, is saying, "Remember, Christian education pays, it doesn't cost."

And it's not funny! I mean, let me tell you something, somebody's going to be lost! Jesus finds no humor in what is taking place, as a matter of fact, I was at one popular gathering where a lot of our people come together and I noticed a little handbill. And this is where people come out from all around; to congregate together. And the handbill said, "Listen, with the name of this

organization at the top, that was the sponsoring host of this large gathering; and it says, "Laughter in Praise." Then they have three worldly people that are going to be Christian comics; they're going to make you laugh about things about God! You know there is humor in the Bible, but brethren, Jesus isn't laughing. He's not laughing.

I looked at what we're planning to do with our young people at the GC, they're going to have an illusionist and they're going to have. . . Oh, it's all in the Review and Herald, just different things and they are saying, "Look, we're going to show the Young People and show the world that we are fun loving people! We have to show them, but don't put up a billboard that talks about the Great Controversy and don't point out, as a matter of fact, we may decide to have a Catholic Archbishop open with prayer!" Well that's what we did when it was in Minneapolis.

But I'm not saying this to condemn this church because I love this church; I want you to hear everything that I am saying. I'm trying to say, HOW can this be God's? Because remember, I'm a firm believer that the Seventh-day Adventist church is the church of Bible prophecy and this church, listen to me now, I'm a firm believer that this church with its questioning and re-looking at how we deal with homo-sexuality, we're looking at that now, you know? Should they be able to hold a position in the church?

You see, when your children start participating in sins and you know that you have neglected family worship and you have neglected your responsibility, then you start becoming a little more sensitive to the sins of your children! And so as long as they are in the church, I mean, aren't we just glad they are not in the world? At least they are doing it in the church! Sick Philosophy! Let them dance, but they are in the church! So therefore, when they run into the real crisis of their life, they don't have anywhere to run because the church is the world!

So this church I love, and I become confused; why? Because I know that God's not going to raise up something else. It's not going to happen. As a matter of fact, if you read in selected messages where Ellen White talks about 'No New Organization', guess what? If you read it, it's an indictment to the General Conference; it's an indictment to the division; it's an indictment to the Union, Why? Because she's not talking about no new organization as far as not establishing new churches and new schools, she's saying we should not change any of the things we believe. In other words, Keep rings off; in other words keep your educational system totally different, I mean you read it; she's not talking about how we try to use it, she's talking about the foundation pillars of our church, leave them alone, she says, if you do that you've started a new organization I don't care what you call yourself. Go read it!

So here we are the remnant church of Bible prophecy; and I want you to take a look at the foundational text to prove it in Revelation chapter 12.

Father, I plead for the Holy Spirit to open our minds; In Christ's name amen.

And brothers and sisters let me tell you something, whenever we can talk about the troubles of our home because I'm a Seventh-day Adventist, and it's not 'them, it's 'us'. It's not 'them' it's 'us'! They're not the reason why you don't have morning devotion. You see, we can get excited about this thing, 'how on earth can we take our people to court?' And everybody says "Yes!" But how can you neglect worship in the morning? What's the difference? –in saying that the

General Conference is the spiritual leader of this church, them saying that; and you not praying like you should every day? What's the difference?

You see the devil would get our eyes somewhere else. Do you think God is going to go easy on you, because somebody else did something? No, brothers and sisters, God is not a respecter of persons. We're going to be judged based on how much we look like Jesus. And let me tell you something, if you don't look all the way like Him, you're going to be lost. Listen to what it says, "And the dragon (we know that that's Satan, Amen?) was wroth with the woman (we know that's the church, Amen?) and went to make war with (what?) the remnant of her seed."

Now you know what brothers and sisters, I want you to pay attention to this, because this may be the most important sermon that you've ever heard in your life. As a matter of fact, if you understand what I am going to teach you by the grace of God today, and you don't learn anything else and you follow this, you'll be all right. OK?

Satan went to make war with what? The remnant of her seed, Period, right? No, a comma. But we always look at that text and put a period on it. This is why we've come up with thinking that says that there is a remnant of the remnant; because we put a period here. And we make it as though Satan is mad at everybody. But he's not. This is why you can have drugs and homosexuality and liars and everything else going on in the remnant because Satan's not mad at everybody, he's only mad at the remnant that keep the commandments of God and believe in the Spirit of Prophecy. So it does not eliminate any of the others; it embraces all of our colleges still; it embraces all of our hospitals still; it embraces all of our conferences still; it embraces all of our churches; but whether or not he is angry with you as a remnant depends on your system of belief and practice.

And there are a host of remnant Seventh-day Adventists that do not believe they can keep the commandments of God. So Satan's not mad at them. Why should he be? He has them. There is a host of the remnant and a growing popularity with in the groups of the remnant to dispense with the Spirit of Prophecy. Satan is not mad at them because Satan well knows that the spirit of prophecy was given for the end time. The 'Lesser Light' was given for what reason? For the night, brothers and sisters.

He made two great lights in the beginning, Amen? One to rule the day- Hey! It's not daytime. It's nighttime, brothers and sisters. And He knows that you can't make it at night without that light! Unless you have a false light. But when the lesser light is shining, it's just illuminating from the sun, that's all the sun is doing, that's all the spirit of prophecy does. When it's shining bright you don't need a false light, you can see outside. It's a full moon tonight. So Seventh-day Adventists that don't believe or that take lightly the Spirit of prophecy, Satan is not wroth with them, he's not angry with them. He's got you!

Seventh-day Adventists who believe, yes, you should keep the Sabbath but you really cannot be victorious, he's not mad at you. Why should he be? He has you! The main problem that we are experiencing in not only the remnant church but in Christendom all around the world, is we have been deceived into believing that we believe in Christ, when we really believe in man. Now, listen to what I'm saying, brothers and sisters, please listen!

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Let's pray a moment, Father, I plead for the inspiration and the power of the Holy Spirit. I ask that You would pour out as much that can be trusted in this room right now. Remove anything that would cause us to become weary and tired. Remove anything that would distract us and let us really hear what it is You are saying. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

The devil saw, remember, he invents many things to engross our minds; the most tragic inventions are the subliminal ones; the worse people that are going to be lost are the ones that are going to say, 'Lord, Lord didn't I?' because in their hearts they're really convinced that they were doing it all right! In their hearts they are convinced that they had the truth! Satan knew that in order to win the world, he must confuse their understanding when it came to the word of God. He must implement something that would captivate and destroy the world and at the same time, spill over and destroy the church. And so he came up with this theory, this theory of evolution. Any of you ever heard of the theory of evolution?

I want you to get this, brothers and sisters, as a matter of fact, let me ask you a question; How many people in here believe in the theory of evolution? Let me see your hands. Let's be honest, How many in here believe in creation? Let me see your hands. Now in about another five minutes you're going to have to admit that you are an evolutionist and if you don't admit it, and this isn't a play on words, if you don't admit in about five minutes that you have bought in to the theory of evolution, then you're not going to be able to go forward in this sermon. Because I guarantee 99% of the people in this room believe in the theory of evolution not creation.

Let's look at what evolution is; evolution, now remember, they took the Bibles out of the school and they start teaching evolution, right? And evolution is just the thought, that from a small minute nothing, over a period of time that is numberless, there was an advancement. And life became more sophisticated, and more sophisticated, and more sophisticated, as it journeyed over these unknown numbers of years, Amen?

Now periodically, when it would develop to something that would look as though it was really going to progress, there would be some cataclysmic act or some big, big destruction and it would be destroyed and it would start all over again. This is why evolutionists aren't afraid of where the world is going. Holes in the ozone layer, man is becoming...they're not afraid of that, why? Because they believe that it may be something that would destroy and wipe things out, but because life will continue... you see what I am saying?

As Christians, you say you believe in creation, you just said you don't believe in the theory of evolution. You give your heart to God; now here's Holy (at the top of the page) OK? Here's Holy; that's ideal. You give your life to God in a crusade and you begin walking with God, Amen? You start wrestling with that cigarette, "Oh, Lord! I don't want to smoke." Amen? And so you get a little better, don't you? But you're not where you need to be, am I right? How many of you just aren't where you want to be, but you're a little better? You ever hear, 'I'm better than I was, I don't curse anymore, I am a little closer to holiness; I'm consistent now with my family devotion; I'm a little closer to holiness. I've gotten meat out of my diet-Phew! I'm a little closer. Something happens, something happens and I take a hit, a spiritual blow and I backslide and I fall all the way back; I don't even want to pray; I don't want to pray. I'm guilty; Lord. How many times have we rehearsed this?

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And the something that hits you here may be something that was way back there! You thought you were through with it; you had gotten to the point where you were doing good! You were memorizing texts, you had your devotions down; and now you're back to where you started; and you start all over again heading toward holiness.

Now, how many of you are evolutionists? How many of you are evolving into Christ-likeness or into holiness? And you believe that somehow or another, as you continue to pray and you continue to study, you're getting a little better each day; and one day you'll be at the point where when Jesus says... and let me tell you something; we're at that point, brothers and sisters, we're at that point.

You see a lot of people mocked God when nothing happened when the clock turned to the year 2000, but I'm not mocking Him, I believe even more now, it's about to happen! And everybody who has grown cold and grown relaxed and some people said, 'Man, you prepared to move in the country. You still?' Yes I'm still preparing and I'm doing everything I can to get out there, and get a well, and get pumps, and get everything I can. Why? Because I believe what the Bible says and I believe what the Spirit of Prophecy says. They say, "Yah, but nothing happened!" Did you have extra... I had extra water! I sure did! How many of you, right now, have a spare tire in your car? With new tires on the car? Good tires on the car? Still a spare; nothing happened but you prepare in case it does. Amen.

And it's getting ready to happen. Jesus is about to say 'Let him that is filthy, stay filthy' and everyone evolving is filthy! 'Let him that is unjust, stay unjust.' Everyone evolving is unjust! Then He's going to say, 'Let him that is holy, stay holy, and let him that is righteous, stay righteous.' Those who are holy and those who are righteous are not evolving! They have arrived! That's creation! See, evolution is a Christian experience that evolves; it's not a play on words! Only difference is, you didn't believe in Darwin.

Nowhere do you find in the Bible, one text that gives you the spiritual; authority to believe the way you've been believing. That you evolve, and when you sin and fall all the way back; now you are starting back over again. Nowhere in the Bible does it teach that! Creation; go with me to the book of Genesis, and let's look at Creation a moment. Are you following me so far? By the way, in *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, pg. 28, Ellen White says, 'Repeat the words of the pioneers.'

You see we have all these new writers in the church, with all their letters behind them. The pioneers were simple men, and if we would study the pioneers and study the writings of the prophet and study the Bible, we'd be OK! Let's review; In 1780 something drastic took place, that Jesus said would take place in Matthew 24. He said the sun would be darkened. Amen? And the moon would not give her light, He said the moon would be red as blood, remember? That took place. Watch were I'm going! In 1833, something else took place. The stars fell from heaven, and illuminated the sky! In 1834, something else took place. A trumpet sounded! Remember? Ten days before the Day of Atonement a trumpet would sound and the people of God, Israel would start fasting because they knew the Day of Atonement was coming and anyone that was not pure or holy or righteous that day, would die!

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So it wasn't a literal trumpet this time, it was William Millar started preaching; 1834, With Power. Same time, there was someone in Europe doing it, all around the globe they started preaching that Jesus was about to come. And they studied the prophecies of Daniel, he studied the prophecies of Revelation and then in 1843, they believed Jesus was about to come, nothing happened. They went back to scripture and studied and said, 'Hey, we forgot to (not) count the year zero and when they added the year zero, they said 'Surely, in 1844, Jesus will come!'

But He didn't come. And a few earnest people, Hiram Edson, started praying, remember? He and a buddy went into a barn and they started praying and the Holy Spirit illuminated them and the peace that came from being engulfed with Christ caused them to say, 'Let's go and encourage everybody.'" So they headed out to encourage everybody but they didn't cut through the streets; Why? They didn't want to be mocked, so they started going through the corn field where he could get there without being hassled, faith not being dimmed, and then God showed him that Jesus wasn't to come to earth, Jesus was moving from the Holy to the Most Holy! The Investigative Judgment had begun.

Then Jesus said, 'I'm ready to come.' Remember, in Matthew 24, in Revelation 6, in Luke 21, where it talked about the star shower, the sun, the earthquakes, the tribulation, after the star shower, then it said was the sign of the coming of Christ. So right after 1844, Jesus wanted to come! And there are about 8-10 references in the Spirit of Prophecy where she says Jesus was going to come but we weren't ready! So what Jesus did, is He came, in 1888! But he came in the form of a message! Young preachers; they brought a message that taught that evolution is not the way to go! That Creation is the way to go! What do you mean? How did they bring that? Righteousness by Faith? What are you really saying here today, brother?

Listen, this is what Jones and Waggoner taught that the church rejected! Listen to what it says here brothers and sisters, Genesis chapter 1; Notice what the Word of God says; 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters And God said, "Let there be light." And what happened? And there was what? LIGHT! God said, "Let there be Light" and there was light. Now I want to ask you a question; let me tell you something, brothers and sisters, this is so simple but Ellen White says, that the LATER RAIN is a MESSAGE! Did you know that? She says, the later rain is a message! What I'm telling you is the message of the later rain.

If you take what you learn today, and you're going to have to beg and plead and study it; IT'S SIMPLE! It's simple! Brothers and sisters, do you know you'll be prepared today, this moment for the coming of the Lord? So let's stop all the in and out movement, if somebody is asleep beside you, bump them, keep them awake.

Turn with me to 2 Corinthians 5 verse 17: The Bible says, "Therefore, If any man be in Christ, he (becomes) a new creature," Amen?

What DOES it say? He IS a new creature. Read the rest for me; what happens after that? "all things are passed away, behold all things are become new." All things are become new. When? When I'm in Christ; the moment I say 'yes' to Jesus, everything becomes new. Why? How does it become new? How is it that all of a sudden, every chain that Satan has bound me by, is

released? Because, the Power of the Word, brothers and Sisters, the power of His Word, He speaks it!

Now watch how the Spirit of Prophecy breaks this down for us. There's never any evolution involved. When you say 'Yes' to Christ, and you let Christ into your life, sin does not have dominion over you anymore. Where is the flesh? Is it holy? No! It's not holy. Where is the flesh? It's still there. Is it operating? Have you ever heard of Jesus talking about a wedding, brothers and sisters? And you know the wedding is symbolic of humanity joining, becoming one with what? With divinity, right? You've heard of that right? Humanity and divinity joining and that's the great marriage that must take place, right?

But what happens? You need to understand, when the Bible talks about divinity meeting humanity, whose divinity? Christ's divinity. Whose humanity?

(audience "Ours")

No! Listen to me: Your humanity is filthy, your humanity is sinful, your humanity is incapable of loving God! Christ was 100% man or human, Amen? He was 100% God, Amen? Humanity and divinity coming together in you! It's His humanity that He lives out in you! Yours is suppressed, brothers and sisters. You see, we keep talking about our humanity joining. No! Look at what the Bible says in Romans chapter 8, Please brothers and sisters, I beg you to restudy this. This is what Jones and Waggoner were trying to tell them!

They said, 'Listen we've got the doctrines down, I mean, we can teach this thing but we're evolving.' We're thinking we can do something. I'm thinking, do you know if you stopped sinning, right now, and never sinned again. You still are a sinner. You still are no good; you still would not have the right to the tree of life. It is only what His humanity and divinity did. Jesus suppressed divinity, suppressed humanity and operated through who? The Father; Amen? And so we must suppress our humanity always, allow His thoughts, His mind, His human mind was pure!

Let this mind be in you, He said. And so here we are in Romans, Notice what it says in chapter 8, beginning with verse 6, "For to be carnally minded is death." Your carnal mind stays in you until the resurrection, brothers and sisters. Your carnal mind stays right there in your brain until the Lord comes and changes you in a moment in the twinkling of an eye, but it's not operating. You are now under the mode of 'I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, but it's not me, it's not me living, it's who living? It's Christ living in me, brothers and sisters. And our problem is, we're trying to live with Christ. And it can't be done.

Self must die; self has no role to play except giving permission for divinity to take control. Listen to what it says, "for to be carnally minded is death but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." How can your mind be spiritual that is carnal? So if your mind is spiritual, it's not your mind operating. It's 'Let this mind be in you' that's operating. It's the mind of Christ that is operating in your mind.

Listen to what it goes on to say, "but to be spiritually minded is life and peace, because the carnal mind is enmity against God for it is not subject to the law of God, neither can be." That's why you keep running to the basketball game; that's why you keep looking at this woman and

you can't control it; that's why you keep eating how you want to eat; because you're trying to allow the carnal mind to be spiritual and it can't happen.

Self has to die. The Bible says, if any man be in Christ, right then he is a new creature; brand new, no evolving, right then, when you open your heart to God. Listen to this brothers and sisters, when you open your heart to God, you receive everything that is God's. When I say "Jesus, please come into my heart" and He comes in, I'm a joint heir. His faith is now my faith. His study habits are now my study habits. The life that He lived is now my life. And that's why I can say on the cross while I'm dying, "Remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom"; because right then, everything that He has done, is now mine. I don't evolve, it's all Him, and He attributes it to me. And had the thief come off the cross he would have walked in Christ, submitting his life to Him fully, and guess what, he wouldn't have had to sin. All of this comes upon surrender.

Now look at the quotation, it's a lot to chew on, isn't it? But it's FREEDOM! It's freedom. When you open your heart to God, it's hard to describe, because your body and your mind is so used to doing something that's wrong, and all of a sudden you don't have the desire to even do it anymore. But Satan still comes and challenges you, but you go to Christ and you tell Him, Lord I choose You, and you back him off.

You see the reason why we have not had this victorious walk with God, is because we really didn't understand it. We really believe that if I get a little better every day, if I just do a little better every day... No! "If any man be in Christ"

Now look at that quote, The Desire of Ages 324 "When the soul surrenders itself to Christ, a new power takes possession of the new heart." When does the new power take possession? 'When the soul surrenders itself to Christ' it does not say, after you learn all the doctrines; it does not say, after you accumulate a consistent prayer life, it does not say, after you've studied the Bible, it says 'when the soul surrenders'.

So in other words, upon surrender, two things happen, New heart; immediately, New heart; new mind; immediately! Why? Because it's Christ placing His in you, Amen? So upon surrender, you get a new heart, and a new power. It says, "When the soul surrenders itself to Christ a new power takes possession of the new heart." So simultaneously, new heart and new power. Why? Because the heart is God's and the power is God's and when Christ comes in, it all comes in at the same time.

Now God says, wait an minute, in case you get carried away with this new heart, that's My mind that I'm giving you; and in case you get carried away with this new power that's My power that I'm giving you. I better put the next thing in so you understand that self has nothing to do with it. "A change is wrought which man can never accomplish for himself."

Did you understand that, brothers and sisters? Now, if you can never accomplish it for yourself, it doesn't even say a change is wrought in which man can help God. You're nowhere! A change is wrought (after you surrender) that you could never accomplish for yourself. Never! Upon surrender, the mind and life of God takes control of you. The problem is, we've been thinking evolution. We've bought into the lie of the devil, "You can't just change over night!" That's not

what this says. "If any man be in Christ, he IS a new creature. Old things ARE past away. Behold ALL, everything is become NEW."

He can't curse anymore, Go with me a moment to 1 John 3, notice what the Word of God says; This becomes a little more real; you see when Jesus says, 'Let him that is holy be holy still, let him that is righteous be righteous still, let him that is in Christ stay in Christ. Let him that is in Christ, stay righteous. It's a settling into the truth, brothers and sisters.

I think everybody needs to understand how to have victory. There's no room for sin! There's no room for sin, brothers and sisters. If you sin, you are not in Christ. Let me give you Bible, here it is, notice what it says, 1 John 3.

Oh Father, thank you for Your Spirit but we need help with our understanding, Lord, it has to go beyond the surface. In Christ's name Amen.

See, a lot of people hear this and they say, 'Yah, I heard that before, yah.' But then if you keep studying, a light goes off. See I heard it and heard it and heard it, but I didn't understand it. And my understanding is becoming more fruitful as I study it. A light goes off that Wow! It's about surrendering. Satan does not have power over me when Christ is in control.

"Whosoever commiteth sin transgresseth also the law for sin is the transgression of the law and ye know that HE (That's Jesus) was manifested to take away our sins and in him—IN HIM—"If any man be IN CHRIST", in Christ is no what? Sin! So if you are IN CHRIST is there room for sin? "Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not, because in Him is no sin."

When you abide in Christ; He's in control and he cannot sin. Your flesh is under subjection to the will of God. Your flesh tries to cry out but the humanity of God suppresses it. And the life that Jesus lived, you now live in the flesh. It's not something that Jesus does new, No! It's the life He lived; the life He lived as a human, is what makes us acceptable to the divine. He doesn't have to come and re-do anything in your humanity, NO! His humanity paid the price. His humanity was enough; His death was enough; His life was enough. And if we accept His life, and we ABIDE!

The problem is, we keep going in and out, we keep choosing. Now watch what it goes on to say, "Whosoever abideth in Him", does what? "sinneth not. Whosoever sinneth have not seen Him neither known Him. Little children, let no man deceive you, he that doeth righteousness is righteous even as he is righteous. He that commiteth sin is of the devil for the devil sinneth from the beginning, and for this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not"— What? "Commit sin, for His seed remaineth in him and he cannot sin who is born of God." That's strong.

All this is upon surrender. Every chain is broken upon surrender. All of it brothers and sisters, it's broken! It's no more fighting every day. Oh yes, you fight, but the fight is about something totally different. The fight now becomes how to surrender, not how to stop sinning. You can't stop; so my fight now is studying the Word of God; immersing myself in prayer and study; trying to understand better how to surrender.

Remember, Enoch educated his mind to practice the presence of God. Ellen White says Enoch educated his mind so that automatically when something would happen, he would say to God,

“What should I do to honor You?” It became continual. So our struggle begins disciplining our mind to surrender and stop working. Our struggle begins by accepting what Christ has done and realizing that everything He’s done is efficient and sufficient.

If this is Christ, and I say “Lord I want You in my life.” then I am In the heart of God. Satan cannot get into the heart of God. How many people would agree with that? He can’t get into the heart of God. He can’t do it, he cannot penetrate it. So the Bible says if any man be in the heart of God, he can’t sin. why? Because Satan has to penetrate the heart of God.

Satan will come with suggestions and they may tickle you because you listen to him. At any point, you can open up the door from the inside, and come back out with him. We need to understand that either you are living a life of victory or you are living a life of sin. It doesn’t mean you walk around feeling holy. No, by faith you accept that Christ has done everything that can be done for you. By faith you accept that Christ has destroyed the works of the devil. By faith you accept that there is nothing in yourself that is holy. There is nothing in me that can contend with Satan. I am lost, I am no good, I love the things of this world, therefore I can have no confidence in me. All of my confidence must be in Him.

“When the soul surrenders itself to Christ, a new power takes possession of the new heart. A change is wrought which man can never accomplish for himself. It is a supernatural work, bringing a supernatural element into human nature.” Now remember ‘Let there be light.’ And there was light. When you say Lord, I want to be in Christ, the word spoken alone, puts a new heart in there. You have to learn to trust His Word, brothers and sisters.

Let’s pray one more time, Father, Come-on, Please Lord! We have to get this. Or we’re going to keep working , we are going to keep going back and forth. We need to understand; we need to understand what righteousness by faith really is. In Christ’s name, Amen.

Let me give you this brief demonstration. When a man says something, even when it is within his power, he has to act to make his word come alive. OK? Are you with me?

When I say something as a man, then I must do something to make my word happen. In other words, I have control over this pen in my hand and if I say I’m going to throw this pen on this table, I have to act after I say it. I had all the power to do it, right? But I had to do something to get it done.

That’s not the way God’s word is. God does not have to act on His word to get it done. He speaks and it is! Do you understand? Hebrews 11 says this world wasn’t framed by the things that were already here, when God spoke the heavens into existence everything that would keep the sun in operation for all these years was all in Him speaking it. It was there once He spoke it. When you say to Christ, ‘I want to be in your heart.’ A new life is there, brothers and sisters. Right then, that’s creation! The Word remember?

“My servant is sick, I’m a man under authority like you, I say jump, my servant jumps; I say run, he runs! You don’t have to come to my house Lord. I’m not worthy that you even enter in under my roof. Just speak the word. THE POWER’S IN THE WORD!” Brothers and sisters, if you’re not in the Word guess what, you’re never going to understand this thing, because notice how John starts in verse 1 of chapter 3, the first word he says is ‘Behold!’ in other words, you’ll have to

look into this yourself. I can tell you that the seed remains; I can tell you that sin won't be there; but unless you study and unless you ask God to show you, and experience it yourself, you're not going to understand it. It cannot be explained.

This is the message that is going to prepare the world. When we start preaching about the Mark of the Beast to the world under the full power and illumination of the Loud Cry, people are going to be bound by cigarettes, heroin, they're going to be bound by so many sins, but this message of victory now, is what is going to hit their mind. Like the thief on the cross, they're going to be sealed and ready for translation, brothers and sisters. This is it!

Normally, trouble in anticipation is greater than in reality. But this is not so in this case. I'm talking about Great Controversy, this is what Ellen White says, the time of trouble that is about to hit us, she says the most vivid presentation cannot bring to our minds what we are going to have to go through. How could I watch someone snatch my little boy and start torturing him in front of me and I have to love my enemy, and yet stand for righteousness. I can't, but if I'm in Christ, He can!

But if I do not accumulate the habit of abiding now, I won't have the confidence that he can keep me then. You follow what I'm saying? So it says, just speak the word. And He said, "GO", and when he got home the servant was healed. The nobleman who came to Christ, he didn't understand either. He said, "Go, your son is healed." And when he got home they told him that his son was healed and he said, what time did it take place? He said, "Wow that was the exact time He said, 'Your son is healed.'" It was all in the Word, brothers and sisters. Not "your son will get healed" but "your son is healed." Whole!

This is how God operates and he wants to speak healing into your life right now. He is frustrated for you, when He sees you going back and forth and sees you miserable. He's trying to tell you, "you can't do it. You can't do it. But if you just abide in Me." Now, see there is a teaching of being in Christ in this church and some popular books are being sold in our church to explain this, that are excusing sin. Sin has no room, according to the Bible, when you are in the heart of God. You have to come out, you have to break that wall down to sin.

Is it making any sense, brothers and sisters? But you're going to have to go over it. This is the message that is going to prepare people to see God when He comes! This is what's going to allow Christ to look down and see people praying without an intercessor. Praying directly to the Father, because His character will be in them. His mind will be in them, and it happens right now!

Wilt thou be made whole? I'm going to tell you what my problem has been; and it's dangerous since I started studying this. My problem has been that I've never come face to face with the reality of how much I don't want to be like God, until I understood this. In other words, now when a temptation comes it's totally different from before I understood that Satan has no power, right this minute and really understood it, because now, I have to admit, "Lord, I really don't want to be with You; I want to do this." Understand what I'm saying brothers and sisters?

That's what Eve experienced, grab Patriarchs and Prophets and read what happened at the fall of man. Eve started walking and she ventured a little too far from her husband. She looked and noticed she was not with her husband. She says, at that point Eve felt uneasy. When you're in

Christ, before the sin comes, you get to a point, before Satan can penetrate, where you feel uneasy. At that point, Eve should have turned around, and went back to Adam! But even though she felt uneasy, she kept walking and said, let me out of here. That was where it all began—when she kept walking. Then she walked up to this tree and now she's beguiled; she's hypnotized. She's looking at something that is fascinating. Satan invents ways to engross our minds.

Nothing was wrong with that fruit. What was wrong with that fruit? The fruit wasn't poison. The fruit didn't have any deadly chemicals in it. Jesus couldn't create poison. DEATH was in DISOBEDIENCE! It had nothing to do with the fruit. We may eat that fruit now, people say it was an apple, that's one of the richest fruits you could eat! And she had the ability of looking into the fruit and discerning the elements of the fruit and discerning the nutritional value, and understanding exactly what the fruit would do for her body. The devil told her to look first, remember? And she looked and she said, "Wait a minute, this is richer than all the other fruit I've seen before. Maybe he's right."

when you're in Christ, before you even get to the devil, God's going to let you feel uncomfortable when temptation comes. my life has taken on a whole other war now, because it's one thing when you're crying to God how you don't want to do something; it's another thing when you say, "Lord, I really want to do this, let me go. I don't want to be in Christ."

You have to make a conscious decision now to sin. Accidental sins? Did Jesus accidentally sin? Remember brothers and sisters, when Christ is in control, there's no sin. No 'accidentals'. He does it, HE'S DOING IT! And what happens is we say, "I want to watch that Lord. I don't want to be in you." And that's where you head towards probation closing on you!

The Desire of Ages 324 tells us there are two powers that are contending for the supremacy of the world. And it says, we are under one of those powers at all times. In other words, you are NEVER LEFT ALONE! Did you hear me? There's a song, 'never alone,' but brothers and sisters, you are NEVER LEFT ALONE! YOU ARE EITHER UNDER THE POWER OF SATAN, OR UNDER THE POWER OF GOD. NEVER IN BETWEEN! NEVER! The fact is that if you're sinning, we know you're not under Christ's power. Amen? We need to understand that brothers and sisters. So now we come to grips that the close of probation now takes on a different term. It's not about a man who went around raping women, molesting children, murdering and abusing. It's not about that. It's not about someone who's habitually sinned all these years.

You know how I was taught? This is what I was taught in my Christian college. I was taught that here up top is heaven or holy; OK? And I give my heart to Christ right down here, (bottom of illustration) and I start heading toward heaven. I die right here. (Still a long way from the top) I still have sins. I didn't quite make it, but because I was headed this way, Christ comes and makes up the difference. See, that's what I was told.

But I was told if you give your heart to Christ right here, and you start heading this way, then you turn around and start going back into the world, and you die, you're lost. That's what I was taught. And guess what? I believe with all my heart that my instructor really believed it. I believe in all my heart, he really believed that this is what it's about; evolution. I believe it, because this is what got us from the beginning. this sermon isn't something I made up. This is

what A. T. Jones wrote and preached to the whole General Conference. This is what he preached; I mean I'm mixing in scripture, but this is it, and he even used the title, 'Evolution or Creation.'

Repeat the words of the pioneers, we are told. This is what he was trying to get over to them that it's none of this, it's this! It's if I give my heart to Christ, I don't even start there, (Bottom of illustration) 'Me' is here and it's left there, I'm automatically holy with Christ. It's Him! Self is still in that condition that it began in.

Self never gets better. NEVER GETS BETTER! SELF NEVER GETS BETTER! Get that in your brain, IT DOES NOT GET BETTER! Self stays filthy. So you can't be in self, you must be in Christ!

Can you imagine, brothers and sisters, walking into church? And as you walk in, everyone in church seems to be filled with the Spirit of God. The presence of God is there. And you come in church very humbly, you look around for a seat, you see one in the back, you slip in. And all of a sudden the minister says, "Oh, we have Brother Lewis with us, Brother Lewis come on up." And you get up and you walk up to the front of the church. The minister looks at you and says, "Tell me, did you really give all the money that you pledged to God? Why have you lied to the Holy Spirit?" And you drop dead! See how quick probation closes. And the woman comes in three hours later, you know the story. "Tell me, did you give it all?" "Oh, Yes." "Wow, you two got together, to lie to God." And she drops dead.

I mean life was normal, brothers and sisters for Ananias and Saphira. Every day was exactly the same. This day was no different. There were no warnings that probation was going to close on them. None at all! Not one church member said, "Oh, your husband dropped dead! Lord have mercy!" The warning is consistent in His Word! The warning is at any moment, you can go too far. And there's no excuse, WHY? Because at any moment, you can be holy!

See everything is momentary. That's why the prophet of the Lord tells us, we must keep our minds on Christ moment by moment. What do you mean, 'moment by moment'? A moment is shorter than a second, brothers and sisters. Probation could close right this minute! And it's happening all around us; everybody's just not dropping dead!

But just as quickly as probation can close, salvation can come. As Christ told Zachaeus, I say to you right now, "This day, salvation is come into your homes." This day! Right Now; everything that is needed for you to die and be resurrected in the first resurrection, or everything that is needed for you to see Christ in peace. And by the way, remember, those who die and come up in the first resurrection, are holy. The Bible says, blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection. They're holy too! They died 'in Christ.' It's not accidental. They died in Christ. Everyone that sees Him when He comes will be holy. Same standard for all. That standard is Christ Jesus.

It's too easy, it's too simple, Lord, Help us! Intellectually, we understand it. Yes, Christ can't sin. Yes, I can do all things through Christ. If I'm in Him, remember, everything I do is through Him which strengthens me. Yes, any one that's in Christ, can't sin. The seed remains. Intellectually it's there, but Lord, practically, how do I really surrender? Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief Lord; right now, all things can become new.

## Creation or Evolution

You're trying to forgive somebody, right now you can really forgive your wife; right now you really can forgive your child; you can really forgive that person who was your friend. Right now, you can really love someone that you've been struggling with even liking. Right now cigarettes have no authority over you; right now alcohol has no authority; right now you can be whole according to His Word. Right now you can be whole. Right now!

Is that your desire? That temper, it's not going to get better, it's going to always be there, but it does not have to have dominion over you. It's going to be there; the flesh will remain; until you are changed in a moment in the twinkling of an eye. But right now the flesh can lose its power and authority, by your choice. Do you choose victory, right now?

Now you look into your heart and you need to see Christ or no Christ. Is Christ operating in me? Is the mind of Christ, operating in me?

And what happens when I sin? That's a whole other subject. What happens when I do choose to go outside of Christ? In a nutshell, you run back. You say, "Lord, I don't like being out here, Please!" Because now you're at a point where you can reason; now you see a total separation from self, and the humanity of Christ and when the two are compared, now you can make an intellectual decision and say, "I need to be like this one. I want to be like Jesus."

Quote: The Desire of Ages 324 "When the soul surrenders itself to Christ, a new power takes possession of the new heart. A change is wrought which man can never accomplish for himself. It is a supernatural work, bringing a supernatural element into human nature. The soul that is yielded to Christ becomes His own fortress, which He holds in a revolted world, and He intends that no authority shall be known in it but His own. A soul thus kept in possession by the heavenly agencies is impregnable to the assaults of Satan. But unless we do yield ourselves to the control of Christ, we shall be dominated by the wicked one. We must inevitably be under the control of the one or the other of the two great powers that are contending for the supremacy of the world."

"What is justification by faith? It is the work of God in laying the glory of man in the dust, and doing for man that which it is not in his power to do for himself".-- Special Testimonies to Ministers and Workers (Series A, No. 9, 1897), pages 61, 62. {TM 456.3}