

TRAVELERS ON THE ROAD TO HEAVEN

Test Questions - Lesson 2

1. Circle the star (*) before each correct answer.

The Advent Movement may properly be likened to a

- * happy family on a trip.
- * journey almost completed.
- * school picnic.

2. Fill in the missing words:

"We have nothing to fear for the future except as we shall.....the way the Lord has.....and His.....in our past history."

3. Enumerate the gifts which Christ placed in the church, as listed in Ephesians 4:11.

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4. Fill in the blanks below:

1.cut man off from face-to-face converse with his Creator.
2. As a means of communication with the human family, God chose to speak through
3. Give two reverences in Revelation indicating that the Spirit of Prophecy would be manifest among the "remnant."
(a).....
(b).....

5. Supply the missing words in the following statements:

1. Recent medical studies confirm the scientific accuracy of the statements published in the Spirit of Prophecy books from to years ago.
2. Tobacco is a, insidious, but most poison."
(Mrs. White. 1905)
3. There is an appalling, ever-increasing death rate fromof habitual.....users.

4. "It is entirely possible that most, if not all..... Tumors. . . are caused by filterable....."
....."(Ludwik Gross, 1956)

5. In 1905 Mrs. White referred to "..... germs."

6. From 1869 onward, Mrs. White wrote of the important role of..... currents in the body. Experiments commenced by Hans Berger..... years ago in amply confirm this.

7. Clive McCay, 1958: "In spite of the fact that the works of Mrs. White

were written long
...the advent of modern
....., no better overall.....is available today."

8. The same God who designed the human body, revealed to a young..... what it has taken men of science nearly ato discover.

These test questions are numbered to match the section numbers in the lesson. If in doubt about the correct answers, check back through your lesson by section numbers, and the designated pages in The Treasure Chest. It is well to read the lesson twice before filling in the test sheet. May God bless you.



PROPHETIC GUIDANCE

1. A Promise to the Traveller on Life's Highway

Thou wilt show me the path of life. – Psalm 16:11
In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. – Proverbs 3:6

Have you ever thought that the Advent Movement is like a happy family taking a long trip? And that the journey is nearly over? Our blessed Lord, who guided the church down through the years, has indeed been guiding the Advent people for more than a century. Dangers have threatened along the way, but our Guide has marked out the path for us to follow, and He has delivered the Advent people from many pitfalls.

Now after more than a century, we are nearly home. The second coming of Jesus is near at hand. The dim outline of the capital city, New Jerusalem, looms on the horizon. Heaven is within our sight.

But we are not yet home. The final part of the journey suggests hard traveling ahead, and many dangers. But we have the comforting assurance – *Our Guide and Leader is still with us:*

Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. – Matthew 28:20

2. Jesus' Prayer Has Been Answered

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever. – John 14:16.

Jesus prayed that the heavenly Comforter, the Holy Spirit, would accompany His people on their way to heaven, and that He would be with them "for ever."

And angels have been sent from the realms of light to journey with us. Wrote the psalmist:

The angel of the Lord encampeth around about them that fear him, and delivereth them. – Psalm 34:7.

Many have gone before us, advent pioneers who have journeyed over the way and have pointed out some of the dangers: James White, Ellen White, Joseph Bates, Hiram Edson, J.N. Andrews, Uriah Smith, J.N. Loughborough, George I. Butler; and them some of the later leaders, A.G. Daniells, W.A. Spicer, and F.M. Wilcox. What can we learn from them that will strengthen our confidence in the divine presence, and will make us wiser travelers? What messages form the past need to be studied and heeded today? After years of experience, that courageous traveler, Ellen White, stated her confidence in divine leadership:

In reviewing our past history, having traveled ever every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what the Lord has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader – *Life Sketches*, p. 196.

Then she added these solemn words:

We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teachings in our past history. – *Ibid.*

3. Paul's Vision of Those Who Travel Toward the Heavenly City

I thank our God always on your behalf. . . that in everything ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you; so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. – 1 Corinthians 1:4-8.

It was a rich and full experience that Paul associated with the church of his day, and with the church till the work is finished and Jesus comes – a church that shall "come behind in no gift." The gifts with which Christ endowed the church "when HE ascended up on high" would each function in its respective field: "apostles," "prophets," "evangelists," "pastors" and "teachers." See Ephesians 4:8,11.

While apostles would administer the work, and evangelists would herald the message, pastors were to care for the flock, and teachers were to instruct. Prophets were also essential, for they constitute the channel by which God currently communicates with His church, that the members of the church might be, as says Paul "the children of light, and the children of the day." 1 Thessalonians 5:5.

4. Why Prophets Are Needed

At creation our first parents in their beautiful garden home were perfect, but their characters were not fully developed. It was the Creator’s plan that Christ and the angels should instruct Adam and Even in face-to-face conversation. But then sin entered, and this changed man’s relationship to God. When man yielded to temptation, then came the sad experience described by Isaiah:

Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you. – Isaiah 59:2

“That” wrote Adventist pioneer missionary, J.W. Westphal, “was the gloomiest hour this world has ever seen. Never has there been a moment since when the star of hope has not been shining to pierce even the midnight darkness. But at that moment there was not one ray of light to cheer the bewildered, sinful, grief-stricken pair.” – Quoted in A.G. Daniells’ *Abiding Gift of Prophecy*, p. 18.

But before the foundations of the world were laid, God had prepared a plan for man’s redemption. If man chose to accept the provision designed for his salvation, he might yet be reinstated to his sinless state; but only by the death of the Son of God as a ransom. This was a message of hope to our first parents as they heard God declaration to the serpent through which the devil had spoken, that the seed of the woman “shall bruise thy head.” Genesis 3:15.

Now that man was cut off direct communication with Christ and the angels, would God leave him to the devices of the enemy? By what means would God lead man to a full knowledge and understanding of the plan of salvation and of God’s will for the human family? God would not abandon man; He would not leave him in the darkness of ignorance. In His mercy and love, He devised a means of communication with the fallen inhabitants of earth. He would choose some member of the human family whose heart was consecrated to Him, and, placing His spirit upon such a one, He would communicate His messages in vision by day and by night.

If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself know unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream. – Numbers 12:6.

Centuries later the apostle Peter wrote:

Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. – 2 Peter 1:21

In all ages God has had light for His people. And in harmony with His promise, when the church of prophecy of Revelation 12:17 came into being, a voice heard saying: “As God has shown me in holy vision.” It was the voice of a maiden of seventeen years, the one chosen as God messenger, who was to live and work among us for seventy years. The work of Ellen White met every test and fulfilled every requirement of a prophet, as set forth in the Bible. Her messages were on a high spiritual plane, they were timely, and they met practical needs. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has been greatly enriched by her tireless ministry. And it was a broad work to which Ellen White was called, much like the work of Moses of old. God has given light for His church in many areas, and He has given a sound basis for confidence.

5. Continuing Evidence Confirming Confidence in the Spirit of Prophecy

The ministry of Ellen White furnished abundant clear evidence to her contemporaries, those who knew her and worked with her. Today her writings furnish incontrovertible proof as we see fulfilling the forecast of world events delineated in such books as the *Testimonies* and *Great Controversy*. But the currently unfolding scientific confirmation of things Mrs. White wrote sixty, seventy, even eight and ninety years ago, presents the most convincing evidence today. Let us observe four items presently very much in the public eye:

Tobacco and Lung Cancer

In her popular book, *Ministry of Healing*, circulated by more than a million copies in a dozen languages, Ellen White declared in 1905: “Tobacco is a slow, insidious, but most malignant poison.” (p. 327)

At the time these words were penned, medical men in general would give no support to such a sweeping indictment. Now the medical world is appalled as each year lung cancer in the United States sweeps thousands of victims of cigarette smoking into the grave, and scores of thousands in other countries. Medical men are almost overwhelmed as with recently designed, carefully calculated tables before them they are able to forecast with deadly accuracy the ever-increasing harvest from long-standing cigarette smoking.

None but an inspired writer could, in 1905, have sounded such a meaningful warning, every word of which now takes on tremendous significance: “a slow, insidious, but most malignant poison.” The reluctance with which research men have admitted the certain results of their studies, linking lung cancer with cigarette smoking, is fresh in the minds of everyone. How different would be the picture if men and woman had only heeded the prophetic warning!

Virus Factor in Cancer

Again in 1905 in the same *Ministry of Healing*, Ellen White wrote of “cancerous germs.” (p.313). When this book was published, and for two or three decades thereafter, medical science was entirely in the dark as to the elements which activated cancer. As research work progressed, investigators reached the positive conclusion that cancer was not a germ-borne disease and that no germ element was involved. These positive and unequivocal declarations of learned men led some Adventists to question the accuracy of the E.G. White statements, suggesting that, after all, Mrs. White was not medically trained.

But right now we are witnessing with our own eyes the unfolding of a most amazing confirmation of prophetic writing. Concerning the turnabout of medical thinking on the question of a cancer germ, *Time* magazine recently reported:

“One thing that medicine’s learned men once knew, or thought they knew, was that cancer is not infectious. Therefore, no ‘infections agent’ could be involved in its origin... “Today no line of investigation into the origins of human cancer is being pressed more vigorously than that implicating viruses as at least party responsible.” – *Time*, October 27, 1958.

Declares Dr. John Roderick Heller, director of the National Institute of Health: “ The hottest thing in cancer is research on viruses as possible causes.” – *Time*, July 27, 1959, p. 53. A decade before this declaration form its leading man, this Institute had ruled out the germ or virus factor in the cause of cancer. Unfolding before us has been the now-accepted work of Dr. Peyton Rous, who demonstrated that a certain cancer in chicks is caused by a virus, and may be transmitted through the egg to the new-hatched chick. Then followed the identification of a breast cancer virus in mice, and the demonstration by Dr. John J. Bittner that this cancer may be transmitted to the nursing babe by the virus in the mother’s milk.

Next we find Dr. Wendell Stanley, virologist of the University of California, and Noble Price winner, at a cancer conference in Detroit, Michigan, venturing that his researches led him to the belief that “viruses cause most or all human cancers.”

“It is known that viruses can lurk in the human body for years, even a lifetime; some cause trouble, some do not. It is possible, said Dr. Stanley, that all of us are walking around with ‘sleeping cancer viruses.’ In some cases, Dr. Stanley theorized, the cancer viruses might become active, through circumstances such as aging, dietary indiscretions, hormonal imbalance, chemicals, radiation*, or a combination of these stresses, and malignancies may follow.” – *Newsweek*, June 8, 1956.

***Note: It might be observed that four of the five activating factors here names were many decades ago linked with cancer, by Ellen White.**

The Journal of the American Medical Association, in its issue of December 1, 1956, carried a guest editorial by Ludwik Gross, M.D., stating:

“During the past decade the concept of viral etiology [cause] of cancer and allied diseases has gained considerable momentum. Experimental date began to accumulate pointing more and more to the possibility that many, if not all, malignant tumors may be cause by viruses. Thus, a large number of malignant tumors of different morphology and in different species of animals could be transmitted from one host to another by filtered extracts. . .

“It is entirely possible that most, if not all, malignant tumors, not only in animals, but also in humans, are caused by filtered viruses.”

And then *Time* of July 27, 1959, in its extended report on the progress of cancer research, assembled the ever-strengthening evidence that viruses are linked with cancer, that cancer virus in experimental work has hurdled the species barrier (the virus of cancer in one species induces cancer in another species), and that a virus serum has been employed in making a vaccine to protect against infection. Triumphantly the results are reported: “So in some animals, the circle of evidence is virtually complete: viruses are linked with leukemia and certain tumors, and immunity is offered through vaccination.” (p. 53). We are indeed witness to a most interesting drama of developing confirmatory evidence in the field of “cancerous germs.”

Electrical Currents in the Nervous System

Ten full years before Edison invented the incandescent lamp, Ellen White wrote of the electric currents in the brain and nervous system. Her statement was first published in 1869 in a pamphlet, later included in volume 2 of the *Testimonies*:

Whatever disturbs the circulation of the electric currents in the nervous system lessens the strength of the vital powers, and the result is a deadening of the sensibilities of the mind.” *Testimonies*, vol. 2, p. 347.

Three years later she referred to “the electrical force of the brain” as a factor in the resistance of disease. (*Testimonies*, vol. 3, p. 157) See also *Education*, pages 197 and 209. When Ellen White wrote thus nearly a century ago, little was known of physiology and still less of the properties of electricity. The idea of electrical currents in the body was quite foreign to the thinking of physicians. It was not until 1929 – fourteen years after Ellen White laid down her facile pen, and sixty years after she had made her initial statement concerning “electric currents in the nervous system,” – that scientific work in this field was made public; and another decade or so before it was taken seriously. For the record, we quote briefly from an article by W. Grey Walter:

Twenty-five years ago Hans Berger, a German psychiatrist working in Jena, began to publish some strange little pictures consisting of nothing by wavy lines. They should have caused great excitement among his colleagues, because he claimed that they showed the electrical activity of the human brain. But in fact no one took them seriously. For several years no one even bothered to repeat his experiments.

In a quarter of a century since then the study of his little wavy lines has grown into a new department of science called “electroencephalography.” Today several hundred laboratories in the United States and a similar number in Europe are recording and interpreting charts of the electrical discharges of human brains. Their total annual output of charts would girdle the earth. Hospitals all over the world have accumulated thousands upon thousands of brain prints. – *Scientific American*, June, 1954, p. 54.

Then the author discusses these electrical currents which can be not only mapped, but measured in terms of volts, and reveals that: Each individual has his own characteristic pattern of shifts in frequency and size; thus his brain print is as distinctive as his signature. – *Ibid.*, p. 55.

With increasing frequency, scientific investigators make reference to the vital role of electricity in the body and of the significant electrical messages sent out by the brain, the heart, and the muscles. Watch for such pronouncements. It is amazing, isn’t it? Or is it? The same God who designed the body and set in motion its intricate processes, many of which are still mysteries, spoke to a young woman in our ranks, opening up to her that which has taken men of science three quarters of a century to discover. How freshly up to date the Spirit of Prophecy is!

Counsels on Nutrition

From almost their beginning days, Seventh-day Adventists have been known as a people whose dietary habits are somewhat different from those of others. IT is also well know that their distinctive dietetic practice is motivated by special enlightenment given through visions to Mrs. E.G. White and set forth to the church in the Spirit of Prophecy books. The differences between the eating practices of Adventists and those of the world have narrowed greatly in recent years as scientific research and advancement have lead the world to gradual but marked improvements in eating habits.

When Mrs. White first wrote in this field in the mid-1860’s, people were grossly ignorant of the relation between the food eaten and the general state of health. Pioneer Adventists bear ample witness to this. Read typical statements in *Story of Our Health Message*, pages 23 to 27. But God, the Author of nature’s laws, was interested in the physical welfare of a people who were determined to follow His leadings. Well in advance of that which has been slowly learned by painstaking scientific experimentation, God gave to Seventh-day Adventists counsel which not only changed the living habits of the denomination, but has reach beyond to benefit many throughout the world.

Seventh-day Adventists have seen scientists, one by one, making corroborative pronouncements. Of special interest have been recent reports of lectures by Clive M. McCay, Ph.D., Professor of Nutrition at Cornell University. We refer especially to an address given by Doctor McCay at Ithaca, New York, on April 9, 1958, which, by request, he later embodied in a series of articles published in three successive issues of the *Review and Herald* – February 12, 19, and 26, 1959. Doctor McCay quoted statements relating to nutrition from one of Ellen White’s books – *Ministry of Healing* and *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, and compared them with presently-accepted views of leading nutritionists. By this means he demonstrated that Mrs. White’s “basic concepts about the relation between diet and health have been verified to an unusual degree by scientific advances of the past decades.” – *Review and Herald*, Feb. 26, 1959, p. 10.

Knowing how reticent most people are to change their dietetic habits, Doctor McCay expressed surprise that Mrs. White “was able to induce a substantial number of people to improve their diets”: and he speculated as to “the large number of sufferers during the past century who could have had improved health if they had accepted the teachings of Mrs. White.” – *Ibid.* The series was concluded with these significant words: “In spite of the fact that the works of Mrs. White were written long before the advent of scientific nutrition, no better over-all guide is available today”. – *Ibid.*

To be eyewitnesses to the unfolding of ever-mounting scientific corroboration of the Spirit of Prophecy writings of the past hundred years is a thrilling experience, that engenders confidence in our hearts that the many lines of counsel and instruction recorded by the same pen, must also have originated in the mind of the Author of all wisdom and truth.

We have presented here a few challenging points. But this is only a taste. Succeeding lessons will abound in vital information and convincing evidences. In Lesson 3 we shall go back to the beginning of the Advent Movement, and learn of Ellen Harmon’s call to be God’s messenger.