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For Such a Time as This . . .

Traffic in Men's Souls

by A. WILLARD STAPLES, Retired Minister.

IN PAST YEARS men and women were often stolen from their homes and sold into slavery. Many became the property of harsh men. Their bondage was indeed cruel. Their children born in slavery were the property of the slave owner. They were his slaves by birth and unable to free themselves from bondage.

This sad traffic in the souls and bodies of men, illustrates the spiritual condition of men in an enslaved world. How fitting, then, are the following words of Jesus! "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. John 10: 10, 11. This identifies Satan as the bad thief who stole the human race from God, enslaving men and women in sin and death. In contrast Jesus sets Himself forth as the Good Shepherd giving His life to redeem mankind. Satan came to DESTROY. Jesus came to SAVE. The Scriptures portray Jesus as the hero who, under similar conditions as Adam and Eve, met Satan in deadly combat. But where Adam and Eve were defeated, He was victorious.

Jesus identified Himself with man, "tempted" yet sinless, He learned "obedience by the things which He suffered." He tasted "death for every man"; He died that man might have the "more abundant life." (Heb. 5:8, Heb. 2:9; Heb. 2:14; Heb. 4:14-16.)

In this world, the only way to get rid of the web, is to kill the spider. Even so the eradication of sin requires the death of the evil one himself. Jesus went to the cross "that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." Heb. 2:14, 15. The prophet Isaiah depicts Jesus treading "the winepress alone," and coming forth with "dyed garments," "mighty to save." The victor of Calvary rose triumphant over death to "cast out the prince of this world." (See John 12:31.) Satan, now defeated, awaits his ultimate destruction in the "lake of fire" specifically "prepared for the devil and his angels."

May we all heed well the inspired warning! "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Rev. 12:12. Thus the war that commenced in heaven will be fought out on the earth to the bitter end, when Satan himself will be destroyed. It was of him that the prophet declared, "Never shalt thou be any more." Ezek. 28:17, 19.

In 1 John 3:8 we read: "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." Probation comes and time lingers on for God's message to sound forth to mankind. "Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?" Ezek. 33:11. The call of the Good Shepherd is to reach every soul. "My son, give me thine heart." Prov. 23:26. What heart? The only heart you have! It is portrayed as "desperately wicked" and the den of evil motives, thoughts, words and deeds that defile and corrupt. (See Mark 7:21-23.) Under conviction man prays "create in me a clean heart, O God," Ps. 51:10. In response Jesus enters the life and from within, destroys all the works of the devil. The new heart becomes His throne. He writes His holy law on the tables of the new heart (Heb. 8:10), and fills the life "with all the fulness of God." Eph. 3:19.

Such stand forth, redeemed and saved, in a sin-revolted world. They are the embodiment of the "faith of Jesus," the "commandments of God," and the "patience of the saints." Such are, indeed, the "masterpieces" of His saving grace. They live, here and now, that "more abundant life" with promise of the eternal life in the world to come.

In 1 John 3:8 we are told that "He that committeth sin is of the devil." Such practise sin. In character, they are Satan's "masterpieces" and as such must be destroyed. In Matthew 13:41, 42 we are pointed forward to the setting up of the kingdom of God. In that day the angels are sent forth and "they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire." This is that furnace that is prepared for the devil and his angels. It is in this furnace that the wicked will be burned up, root and branch. (Mal. 4:1.)

When God splits the atom, "the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." 2 Peter 3:10-13.

All disease germs that have caused suffering and death and all man-made devices to serve man's corrupted appetites and weapons of death will be burned up.

There is more and better beyond, for He that sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new," and we look for "new heavens and a new earth." This is our Advent Hope.

Open now to Jesus the "door" of your heart and He will open to you the "door" of the kingdom. *New men and new women shall inherit the earth made new.*

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*C. O. Franz, formerly an associate secretary of the General Conference, replaces W. R. Beach, who retires after serving as General Conference secretary for the past sixteen years.

*R. E. Clifford, formerly president of the South African Union Conference, replaces M. E. Lind, who has been elected as president of the newly organized Division, on which further details will appear in our August issue.

Editorial . . .

JUNE 19, 1969—A YEAR LATER

INCLUDED IN THE AVALANCHE of paper that descends on my desk through the mail every day, is a certain attractively printed magazine that loves to make wild predictions.

A glaring illustration is the editorial in its May, 1969, issue. After reading it, I checked the date it had reached me, took out my red pen, and wrote above the familiar "Personal from the Editor" heading, the following line: "CHECK THIS PREDICTION ONE YEAR FROM NOW—JUNE 19, 1969." I then placed the magazine in one of my desk drawers and waited—while time raced on.

Here in part is what the writer stated: "The resignation of President Charles de Gaulle . . . will trigger events so tremendous the world will gasp in WONDER! It will cause far-reaching repercussions. Not only in France and all of Europe, but on the entire world. . . There will be a period of confusion, especially in France. . . Neither M. Pompidou nor any other possible candidate will carry much weight outside France. The French, 'unstable as water,' probably will revert to their pre-De Gaullist practices of having a change of government anywhere from every six weeks to every two years. . . The leadership of Europe will now shift to Bonn. . . A world-recognized 'Strong Man' in all probability will now very soon appear. The most likely candidate, as of now, is Franz Josef Strauss of Germany."

Before turning to a retrospective examination of this daring forecast, let me explain that it was made *not* in a political journal, as our readers might justifiably conclude, but in a religious journal which dogmatically asserts that it is proclaiming the plain truth! Now let us see how the flight of time has treated the journal's cocksure assertions during the past year:

1. Up to now President De Gaulle's resignation has not to our knowledge "triggered off" any "tremendous events" which have caused the world to "gasp in WONDER." If his resignation is to have "far-reaching repercussions," these are all still in the future. As far as we know there were no immediate repercussions. The transition seems to have been very smooth and uneventful.

2. As for the "period of confusion" which was forecast, confusion of

course continues to prevail everywhere, but we cannot observe that there has been any appreciable increase in confusion as a result of President De Gaulle's being toppled from his pedestal! In fact it can be recorded as a historical fact that there was far more confusion in France during the year immediately *preceding* his demise from power than there has been during the year that has *followed* it!

3. With regard to the prognostication that "the French will probably revert to . . . having a change of government anywhere from every six weeks to every two years," Mr. Pompidou seems still to be firmly in control. We grant that no guarantee can be given for the remainder of the "two year" maximum allowed, but so far as the "six week" minimum given, this has fallen hopelessly wide of the mark.

4. That "the leadership of the world will now shift to Bonn," is a prediction which we have yet to see substantiated by historical fact.

5. The most pitiful failure of the prediction lies, however, in the fact that Franz Josef Strauss, who was tipped off by the article as Europe's likely "Strong Man" has faded into oblivion, having been ousted by his rival, Herr Willie Brandt.

What lessons can we learn from the ludicrous gulf between prediction and fulfilment in the article cited? There are indeed important lessons to be learnt.

1. We must be humble in our approach to unfulfilled prophecy. When we tread on the ground of predicting what is or isn't going to happen in the future, we must tread softly and reverently.

2. Let us be sure that when we *do* declare what the future holds in store, we can undergird the declaration with a clear, indisputable, "Thus saith the Lord." As far as we know, there is no Scriptural foundation for the far-fetched forecasts cited above. Nor does the writer attempt to back up his predictions with Biblical evidence. Let us be bold in declaring what God's Word declares, and silent on that on which *it* is silent.

3. Let us see in this case an opportunity to put to the test the credentials of those who claim to be teach-

ers of truth. God's Word declares: "When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him." Deuteronomy 18:22.

4. Let us also see in it an opportunity to establish our faith in the time-tested predictions of Holy Writ. If the predictions of a man can prove so unreliable after only one year, think how marvellous, by contrast, are God's predictions, made centuries in advance, which history has affirmed as trustworthy over and over again!

5. Finally, let us learn once and for all that ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD! Some people—among them, unfortunately, too many church members—are deeply impressed and easily taken in by this type of arrogant, dogmatic, authoritative-sounding bluster. We need to pray for spiritual insight to discern between the genuine and the masterly counterfeit.

And with that word of warning and admonition, I am now going to write over the article, "Give the prediction a further check one more year from now"—and put it back in my drawer for another time-test!

—G. E. GARNE

1971 HARVEST INGATHERING HAS BEGUN

By R. H. HENNING, *President,
Tanzania General Field.*

IT MAY SOUND strange to assert that the 1971 Harvest Ingathering Campaign has already commenced. I believe it has, because if a solid foundation is laid during 1970, if pleasant and constructive contacts are made, and if faithful records are kept, then virtually the campaign for 1971 has begun. The way for next year's work is being prepared and the going will be easy. Five major points to remember are these:

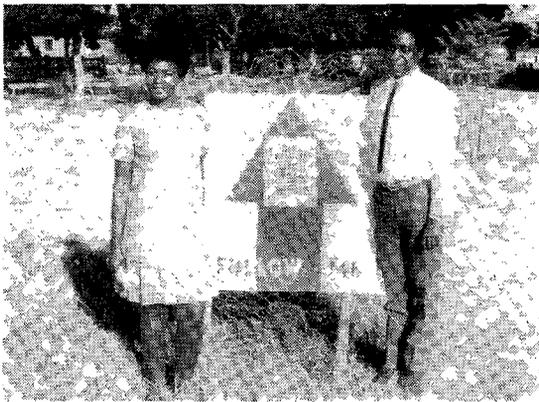
1. Organize your territory very thoroughly. Experience has taught the wisdom of having a card for every businessman. These cards record donations and other valuable information. They are filled in in such a way that the collector can, the following year, visit one business house after another in rotation.

2. Organize film shows before starting the campaign. Invite your business friends and contacts to this film show in a representative hall. The film "Kapala, the Tenth Leper" is most suitable and very appealing.

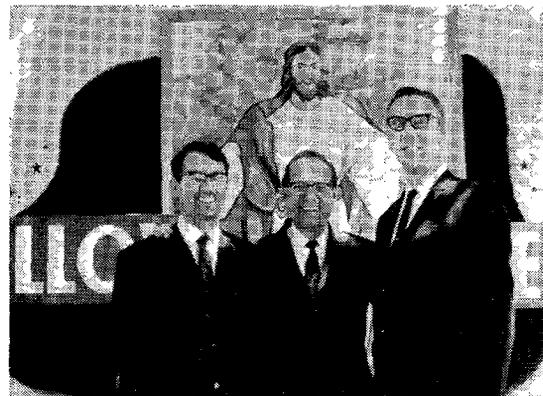
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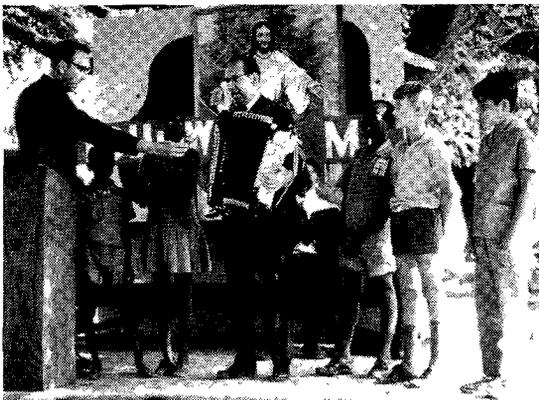
TWO THOUSAND Adventists from the countries comprising Rhodesia, Zambia, and the Gwelo College to inspire and Congress. The theme of these Youth Congress held in Zurich ME. Guest MV leaders were Conference, and Bob E. Jac



Signposts along the road point to the meeting place, and symbolically the arrow points upwards to the place for which the youth must prepare.



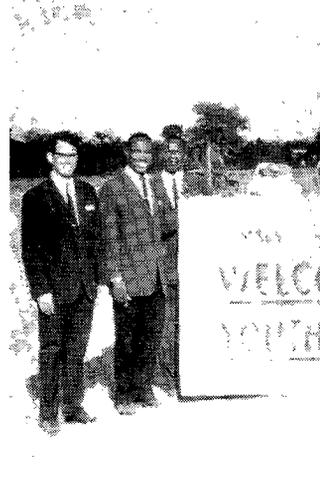
Guest-speaker, John H. Hancock, General Conference Associate MV secretary (centre), with TAD's MV secretary, Bob E. Jacobs (right), and ZU's MV secretary, Ivan M. Piercey.



Pastor John H. Hancock playing his piano accordion teaches the chorus, "The Good Old Gospel Train."

The Welcome sign at Lower from left to right: I. M. Pie Ndebele, E. Dzimir, and L. Zambesi Union, Botswana Fi Midlands Field, and Zambia I

The Bulawayo Quartet took first place in the "Festival of Music." Left to right: K. Dube, K. Ndhlovu, R. Mpofu, and K. Maposa.

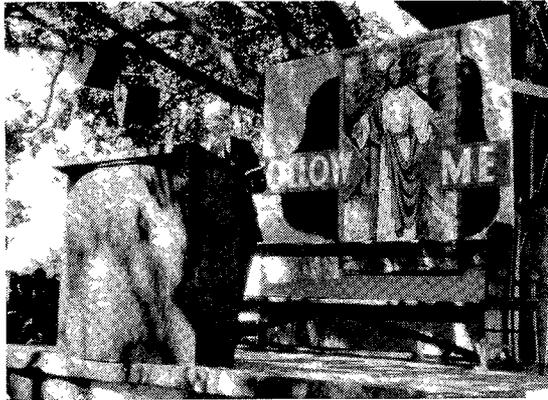


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A special message in song being given by Mrs Shirley Zork, Mrs Phyllis Breneman, and Mrs Shirley Piercey.



Walter M. Cooks, president of the Botswana Field, was business manager for the congress and also taught the Sabbath-school lesson.

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Brian Pilmoor, and four students from Rusangu Secondary School in Zambia, discussing OPERATION OUTREACH.



H. Wawungana, leader of the Highfields church choir receiving the award for second place in the "Festival of Music."

PROFILE



MISS BETHEL WAREHAM, sister-tutor at Malamulo Hospital, Malawi, serves on a number of community committees. Besides conducting the the nurses' and midwives' training programme at Malamulo she acts as chairman of the Nursing Council of Malawi. She is also a member of the Discipline Committee, the Training and Examinations Committee, and the Training School Committee of the Council of Nurses and Midwives.

On the Private Hospital Association of Malawi Board she serves as chairman of the Training and Scholarship Committee.

Our nurses, like Miss Wareham, make a tremendous contribution to the work of the Lord, not only by their dedicated service at their posts of duty, but also by assisting governments and other agencies. In this way they spread the influence of the church far and wide and thus fill a vital and important part in the Advent Movement.

Miss Wareham commenced her service in the denomination at the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, California, and accepted a call to Trans-Africa in 1960.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 1	<i>Pioneer Evangelism</i>
August 1-8	<i>MV Week of Prayer (SAUC)</i>
August 15	<i>Education Day (CU & CAU)</i>
August 15	<i>Education Day Offering (CU & CAU)</i>
August 22	<i>Medical Missionary Day</i>
September 5	<i>Lay Literature Evangelism</i>

Malamulo Mission's banana plantation has 1,500 trees. Land is being cleared for more. Emberson John, Malamulo's farm manager, and Pastor Steve Young, former station director, taste the goodly fruit.



Stewardship

A Modern Epistle on Tithe, Offerings and Love based on 1 Corinthians 13.

THOUGH I go to church on the Sabbath and return God's holy tithe, and have not love in my heart, then I am nothing.

2. And though I present offerings in addition to the tithe and understand all teachings on Christian stewardship and though I have all faith so that I could accomplish much more in sacrificial giving and have not love, then it is nothing.

3. Love is able to wait patiently for the luxuries I would like to have. Love envieth not the material things my neighbour has. Love does not let me spend my money for things that would cause a new Christian to stumble.

4. Love is not easily provoked into thinking evil of those who have much, and do not tithe, for verily they have their reward.

5. Love rejoiceth not in defending selfishness, but rejoiceth when the pastor preaches a sermon on tithing and condemns covetousness, the prevailing sin in the church today.

6. Love bears up under the burdens of repair bills, hospital bills, higher taxes, and even higher school tuition.

7. Love believes all things—especially that the Lord is taking care of my business affairs and believes that if tested, then next month or next year will be better under God's blessings.

8. Love never fails—for whether there shall be fearful doubts about God's ability to provide, they shall fail.

9. And whether there be negative criticism against increased giving, they shall cease.

10. And whether there shall be selfishness to increase material possessions, it shall vanish.

11. For I know that tithing and free will offerings is taught in the Bible, and returning God's tithe is a vital part of my loyalty, and giving offerings is an essential expression of my love.

12. When I was a young Christian my knowledge was that of a child, but now that I have grown in Spiritual truth, I have put away my childish thinking about money and can see my personal part in spreading the gospel of God's everlasting love through the returning of God's holy tithe and the giving of my offerings.

13. And now abideth these three, tithe, offerings, and love, but the greatest of these is love, for love is the basis for all phases of my Christian stewardship, a love tested by sacrifice.

—ADAPTED.

—Southwestern Union RECORD,
December 13, 1969.

REPORTING ON

PEOPLE AND EVENTS

TAD's medical secretary, Dr W. Dunbar Smith, has now been registered on the medical roll in Malawi and Rhodesia. This has been made possible because of Dr Smith's high qualifications and many years of medical experience.

Mr and Mrs Ivor Petrie of Australia have accepted our invitation for them to join the Division staff, serving in the Treasury Department. Brother Petrie will replace Brother Velyo Vinglas.

Pastor H. H. Mattison of the United States will replace Pastor J. J. Blanco as head of the Theological Department at Solusi College. He and Mrs Mattison are expected to arrive some time in early September.

Mr and Mrs Bruce Moyer will be making Solusi College their new home when they arrive from the States. Brother Moyer will replace Brother Keith Farnsworth in the Bible Department of the college.

Pastor Caleb Bru, currently of the Seychelles Mission, is the new MV and Lay Activities secretary of the Central African Union.

Two new nurses at Malamulo Hospital in Malawi are Miss Randi Viksand and Miss Irene Ingheim, both of whom come from Norway.

TAD's membership at the end of the first quarter this year stands at 233,976 with the Sabbath-school membership at 447,691. Adding the 34,060 branch Sabbath-school members, we had a total of 481,751 in Sabbath-schools around the Division during the first quarter. Literature sales figures are interesting, showing that \$100,819 worth of literature was sold by 611 literature-evangelists.

Ingathering figures are low still but reports indicate "better than last year" results in several unions.

Ronald D. Spear writes from Tanzania: "The mobile dispensary is ready to go now and we plan to have it working among the Masai in a few weeks." He also reports that the Gift Bible programme is well under way in that union. A new feature of this project is that the programme is being launched among the Masai.

Bethel College in South Africa is to receive the Mission Extension Offering during 1972 for extensions to the girls' dormitory.

Songa Adventist Seminary is having its name changed from Petit Seminaire de Songa to Ecole Secondaire Adventiste de Songa (Songa Adventist Secondary School).

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3. Line up an excellent team and maintain the team spirit throughout the campaign. The one-by-one work is discouraging whereas teamwork encourages and helps all members of the team to strive for greater achievements.

4. Take time to visit Welfare societies, Service clubs and approach cinemas to give free film shows for our cause.

5. Lastly, but most important, pray that God will give you a greater vision and increased determination to work until the work is done.

These five steps spell successful Harvest Ingathering and successful ingathering of souls.

THE OUTLOOK HELPS

In order to offset the very heavy expenses incurred in connection with the recent General Conference Session, the OUTLOOK has willingly agreed to curtail costs. Consequently the English edition will be reduced to 8 pages for the next six months. Then, commencing with 1971, a full account of the Division Quadrennial Council, to be held in November, will be reported.

SUNSET CALENDAR

AUGUST 1970

SEPTEMBER 1970

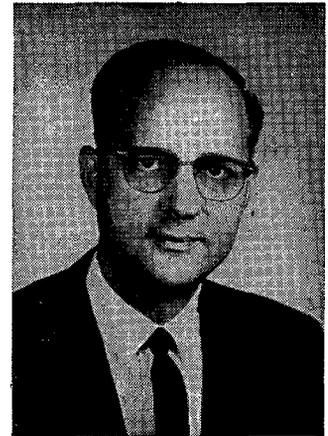
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Johannesburg	5.44	5.48	5.51	5.53	Johannesburg	5.56	6.00	6.03	6.05
East London	5.34	5.38	5.44	5.47	East London	5.52	5.57	6.01	6.06
Port Elizabeth	5.42	5.47	5.52	5.56	Port Elizabeth	6.02	6.06	6.11	6.16
Bloemfontein	5.47	5.50	5.55	5.58	Bloemfontein	6.02	6.05	6.09	6.13
P'maritzburg	5.28	5.32	5.37	5.40	P'maritzburg	5.44	5.48	5.52	5.56
Durban	5.26	5.30	5.35	5.38	Durban	5.42	5.46	5.50	5.54
Windhoek	6.31	6.34	6.37	6.39	Windhoek	6.42	6.44	6.46	6.48
Bulawayo	5.50	5.52	5.54	5.55	Bulawayo	5.57	5.59	6.00	6.02
Salisbury	5.42	5.43	5.45	5.46	Salisbury	5.47	5.49	5.50	5.51
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Lubumbashi	6.05	6.06	6.06	6.06	Lubumbashi	6.07	6.07	6.07	6.06
Nairobi	6.41	6.40	6.39	6.36	Nairobi	6.34	6.32	6.30	6.27
Mombasa	6.24	6.24	6.23	6.22	Mombasa	6.21	6.19	6.17	6.15
Kisumu	6.50	6.50	6.48	6.45	Kisumu	6.44	6.41	6.40	6.37
Kampala	6.59	6.59	6.57	6.54	Kampala	6.52	6.49	6.47	6.45
Dar-es-Salaam	6.22	6.22	6.22	6.22	Dar-es-Salaam	6.22	6.20	6.19	6.19
Tabora	6.51	6.51	6.50	6.49	Tabora	6.48	6.46	6.45	6.44

Stay in Line

PART I

by MERLE L. MILLS

President, Trans-Africa Division



WHILE TRAVELLING on a highway under construction, my attention was attracted to a sign which read, "Stay in Line." Suddenly the flow of traffic was restricted to a single lane and speed reduced to a minimum. Posted at intervals along the way were repeated signs which said, "Stay in Line." At first one gained the impression that these messages were curt, dictatorial, and demanding. However, after proceeding some distance I observed that men and machines were at work in the proscribed lane. Only then did I realize that the intent of the message was not meant to restrict one's freedom and facility of movement; rather, it showed a solicitude for the safety and well-being of the driver. Had one ignored the signs, one would have displayed a cavalier and irresponsible attitude which could have resulted in disaster.

"Stay in Line." A miniature sermon is contained in these three words for one who is tempted to exercise his personal freedom by indulging in such habits and activities as adversely influence the health and welfare of both the physical and spiritual man. Yet, how sad to observe some church members following a rationale which vindicates their departure from the way so clearly defined and revealed by Holy Scripture.

It is becoming increasingly popular to dissent against the establishment (a euphemism for society, state, or church). Strident and siren voices are heard declaiming the old paths, calling the tried and tested concepts and principles impractical and archaic. We are led to believe that the changing times give us the right to exercise our freedom and not to conform to the standards and morals of contemporary society. We are told that we must be independent in our judgments and help establish a new order that will give redress to past abuses. Confor-

mity, obedience, co-operation and respect are words that have lost their force and their true meaning in the new vocabulary of our generation. Such a situation is strangely reminiscent of ancient Israel when it was said that each man did that which was right in his own eyes. It is little wonder that we are witnessing a breakdown of law and order and a spiraling of social decomposition and moral decay.

This obsessional zeal for a change of the social, political, and economic concepts of the past should put all Christians on guard lest they should be unduly influenced to do likewise in Christian concepts, practices, and church policies. Already we hear that the church is reactionary and insensitive to the winds of change. It is averred by some that we must liberalize our standards, update our doctrines and modify our policy. Some are claiming to have new light. It should not surprise us when self-appointed reformers arise declaring no confidence in the leadership of the church.

How should we, as Seventh-day Adventists, relate ourselves to these questionable trends? "The only safety for any of us is in receiving no new doctrine, no new interpretation of the Scriptures, without first submitting it to brethren of experience. Lay it before them in a humble, teachable spirit, with earnest prayer; and if they see no light in it, yield to their judgment." —"Testimonies," vol. 5, page 293.

How tragic to observe those who have lost their footing, leaving God's remnant people, because they were quick to believe a self-styled reformer or purveyor of new light. They were not willing to be guided or counselled by the church leaders. With great zeal and pretentious piety, false teachers propagated a message which was purported to be based upon the Spirit of prophecy and the Bible. Such teach-

ings, no doubt, have a measure of truth which is usually the case with any spurious claims. Let us remember, however, that there is no doctrine so subtle as that which is partly true. Our only defence is found in following the counsel of the Lord who, through His servant, has admonished us to give no credence to any doctrine or teaching which has not first been submitted to the church for study and approval.

Nor should we think it strange if some should arise, even among the ministry, undermining confidence and challenging the authority of constituted church leadership. Usually such individuals have found it difficult to work within the framework of the church organization. They have resented the counsel and direction of their leaders and have spurned the admonition of the Bible which states, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give an account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Heb. 13:17.

They are inclined to follow an independent course, refusing to adhere to the policies, regulations or decisions of the church body. "Never should a labourer regard as a virtue the persistent maintenance of his position of independence, contrary to the decision of the general body." —"Testimonies," vol. 9, page 260.

(To be continued.)